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AN ELOQUENT SPEECH.

Hon. Caleb Cushing had a very enthusiastic reception from his friends and fellow-citizens of Newburyport, Mass., on his return on Thursday last. Rev. Thomas Brattle presided over the meeting, and made a [illegible] highly complimentary to Mr. Cushing, briefly recounting his public services in the national cabinet for the "[illegible] energy and sound judgment which he has always displayed in the various positions he has been called to occupy."

After this address,

Mr. Cushing rose, and, after receiving three enthusiastic cheers, proceeded to speak as follows:

Fellow-citizens, I greet you, one and all, with sentiments of heartfelt and sincere affection and respect. You have wished that my return hither, after the closing of four years of political functions, should be public, in the assembled people's presence; and it was your right so to determine! for you have been, in the strictest sense of the word, my employers. Yet, well-tried friends always, candid judges of opinion and of action, even when you have differed, and malicious friends in many a crisis of popular excitement and agitation, be it so, be it so! I, for one, have no complaint of my treatment, continued and enabled, twice then from you to be the humble force, if commanded to be stayed in my career of patriotic and of humanitarian to the [illegible] of exquisite gratification. I pray, therefore, you, accept cordially you, to reciprocate your friendly salutations, to renew mutual congratulations, and thus again to become a resident citizen of Newburyport, planting here on this familiar spot, with all these well-known scenes before me, and in the sight of old homestead objects, it seems to me that our natal earth is a part of our tenderness and moral being; that though we be now visibly attached to it, still are roots of our hearts [illegible] upon deep into it, and though we wander away, we carry with us the fast oak, [illegible] from the same fresh breezes, bold bright skies, and fair hill-sides, and clear streams, where life began; and that, young even the world as we will, mysterious ties of birthplace remain strong upon us,—tendencies of local attraction as fixed as in the lead-stone,—instincts of [illegible] which carry back to early scenes the [illegible] spirit, irresistibly, as unerringly, as the carrier-pigeon flies over land and sea to its lost home. Gen. Bem this, in whatever distant countries a truant temper may place him; he feels it still more when, as now, after long absence, he comes to retread the paths of youth, and to bathe anew, as it were, in the sunlight of other days, and finds himself reanimated by it, and fortified for the further trials of life, like the pilgrims to the fountain of juvescence, or the wrestling titan, as he regained his mother earth. I do not say that such local attachments are always well placed. They are not. They are sentiments, not reasonings—impressions on the mind rather than rational facts—or, in so far as fact, they are not the result of the action of circumstances on the mental and physical constitution. But where, in the broad limits of the Union, shall we find a lovelier region than this, our valley of the Merrimac, beginning with its gold fountains in the lofty gorges of the White Mountains, traversing the beautiful lakes of Winnipisseogee, flowing on from waterfall to waterfall amid all the riches of nature and of industry, and coming to pour forth its accumulated volume of waters there into the expanded bosom of the great Atlantic? And is there not that in it which breeds true men and women—aye the hardy trust of the teeming loins of pure and good mothers—statesmen, soldiers, orators, poets, inventors—apt for both arms and arts—masters of circumstance alike on earth or ocean—with heads of wit to conceive and will to act, such as the service of nations requires? We will cherish the fertile valley of the Merrimac.

Magna parens virûm, Magna iraum.

It is the object of no misplaced affection. It merits our attachment, as well for what it is in all nature's gifts, as for the strong-minded and strong-handed race of men, which it has produced or sustained. Of the living, it were invidious to speak; but of the dead, names of sons of Massachusetts and New-Hampshire spontaneously rise to the memory,—Chandler Robbins, as opened, and its destruction made the symbol of orthodoxy, on the part of the same political school by which it was created and established. That was a struggle in twenty years. Again, the present system of keeping and distributing the public funds, which had its origin and its defenders, was first introduced in Congress and unanimously voted for by the Whig Party, and unanimously opposed by the Democratic Party; and afterwards the same system was unanimously opposed by the Whig Party, and supported by the Democratic Party, and by it carried into practical operation. That was a change of less than eight years. Again, the moral obligation and the expediency of the perpetuation and extension of a statute line of demarcation between the free labor and slave labor territories, was for a long time advocated by one political school, and opposed by another, subsequently to which the latter school took up the moral obligation of that statute line, when it was abandoned by the former; and between them both it became so discredited as at length to be pronounced unconstitutional and null and void from the beginning, by decision of the Supreme Court. That was a change of only four years, and may suffice to show the falling of theoretical dogmatism in the province of the Federal Government. I might give numerous equally striking examples from the political history of individual states. Thus, in the state of Massachusetts, at one time, the dominant thought was opposition to associations of men by confidential engagements, and at another time such associations filled and ruled the Commonwealth. So in the State of New-York, men's minds have scarcely calmed down from zealous advocacy and relentless adoption of a system of stern prohibition and confiscation of all spirituous drinks, when that system is abandoned, and return is made to the old one of licenses and excises, which existed before anything was heard of the peculiar laws of Maine. I think, if the history of parties in this country were sedulously scrutinized, it would be found that the sin, such as it is, of some of those to whom change of opinion is attributed, consists either in that they had not changed so little or not so early as their accusers did; or looking folemnly on while others changed, had not changed at all themselves, but stood still for the world to come back to them, and then resumed their place in column. In a word, *he, to whom it never happened to think or have something to think which he did not know or think yesterday, must have been convinciently infallible, or has not yet emerged from the primeval simplicity and patriarchal self-ignorance of childhood.* I am not so humble as to admit that my condition is the latter, nor so presumptive as to pretend that it is the former, of the opposite categories.

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES.

But let that pass. It is the felicitous condition of the United States to possess a constitution of government which consists of stipulations of compact as the rule of action, not of party platforms nor political dogmas. Thus it is that under the protecting shadow of the Constitution thought is free, and opinions rise and fall, and parties come and go, transitory and erratic as meteors or comets in the middle sky, while far above shine firmly in the steady future of their glorious effulgence the bright stars of Union. We, the people of the United States, have a predestined fate before us, visible to be seen, according to my thought, as if inscribed on the adamantine leaves of time with a pencil of fire. Nay, it is a providential mission designed to be by the visible outstretched finger of God. I know it is not uncommon for men to speak irreverently on the one hand, or slightingly on the other, of the doctrine or the mission of the United States. Let me pause here a few minutes. It was my fortune, not many years ago, to traverse the Pacific Ocean in its widest expanse from the Continent of Asia to that of America. We launched forth upon it in our frail bark on Commodore Old on the Atlantic, with nothing save it, not to speak of man's presence, in that great world of sea and of sky. It may have been that some solitary, daring hunter of the seas, from New-Bedford or Nantucket, chased the whale in the distant bays of Kamschatka or the Aleutian Islands, or that some Russian coasted along the Straits of Behring from the Asiatic to the American Siberia; but otherwise, from the Sandwich Islands, beneath the Tropic of Cancer, to the ice-bound foundations of the Polar North, we alone were out on that immense ocean. No, I forget. There might have been a stray ship from Boston or Salem, painfully collecting a cargo of raw hides in San Francisco or San Diego, or at other from our city, with perhaps your present Mayor and others of your immediate fellow-citizens on board, planting our country's standard on the banks of the Columbia; for, be it remembered, Oregon was originally colonized by men of Newburyport. But no longer were the great galleons of Spain to be seen there, transporting the wealth of Mexico to China. It was a desert waste of water, as if awaiting the winged messenger of the ark to fly forth upon it, and seek a new resting place for the feet of another Noah. While navigating that waste of water—while sailing by its almost uninhabitable shores, the thought came to me—how should it not? *Are all the inexhaustible riches of those vast regions of earth never to profit man?* Is that vast ocean to continue thus barren of use, with no white canvas of the mariner, no steamship, with its cloud by day and its pillar of fire by night, to plow the deep and breast the rolling waves, bearing the freight and wealth of the Western to the Eastern Indies. Time—and how brief a time!—has answered this question. The opulent State of California has grown up there, as it were, in a day—giving and receiving treasury of wealth, and assuming its proud place in the galaxy of the Union. A second State, Oregon, is about to take on the robes of sovereignty as a coequal member of the confederation of States. A third, Washington, perpetuating the name of the father of his country in that *ultima Thule* of America, will not be content to remain long without its full enjoyment of constitutional rights, and its due representation in the Senate of the United States. And that so recently unoccupied ocean of the North Pacific—how buoyantly does it now bear upon its swelling waves those noble fleets of clipper ships of Newburyport and East Boston, by the side of which the galleons of Acapulco and Manila were but unsightly bulks, and which are freighted with wealth such as a poet never dreamed of to fill the great argosies of Genoa and of Venice! Who, in so brief a time, wrought all these wonders? Was it the work of legions of fabulous giants, marshalled to their stupendous task by the miraculous charm of the ring of Solomon, such as we read of in the picturesque legends of Arabia? He who saw it as it was ten years ago, and sees it as it is now, might well conceive that nothing short of supernatural power could have produced the marvelous change. It is miraculous, it is supernatural—not a miracle of demon-slaves driven under the lash of some magician taskmaster; but the miracle of American courage, American genius, and American virtue, working out our country's great destinies, under the preordained impulsion of Almighty God. It was my fortune, at another time, to stand on the summit of the lofty ridge of land which divides the sources of the Mississippi from those of Lakes Superior, Huron, Erie, and Ontario, having on my right hand the waters of that mighty river, which drains, and, as it flows on to the Gulf of Mexico, fertilizes the largest and the richest valley of cultivable land on the face of the earth; and, on my left hand, that unique succession of great rivers and lakes,—the river, ultimately expanding into magnificent fresh-water seas, and the seas narrowing again into beautiful rivers; and so, through forest and meadow, and over cataracts and rapids, rolling on with lavish profusion a thousand miles to the far off Gulf of St. Lawrence. Such was the stand point of view. Before, behind, all around me, were noble forests of oak and pine and maple and elm, earth-born giants of the primeval world; and beyond them, stretching far away to the uttermost bounds of the horizon, verdant savannahs in all the luxuriance of nature's virginal unstinted prodigality, sublimely immense as an ocean, lovely as a dream of Paradise. Streamlets and lakes were sparkling amid the trees in the sunlight, like diamonds and sapphires scattered over the rich tresses of some fair maiden as she steps in the pride of her beauty and her youth. All that magnificent scene, however, was but a wilderness, where the Indian still roamed at will in his native forests, or paddled his light canoe on river and lake; and where no sign of cultivation, no mark of civilization, was to be seen, save in the glorious banner of the stripes and stars floating over some military station or outpost, to be witness of the omnipresent power of the Union. Here, again, the thought came to me,—can it be that all this wealth of land and sea is to remain lost to the uses of human greatness and happiness? It half tempted one to impeach the divine justice, to reflect that millions and millions of men were at that hour stifling for want of space in the crowded countries of Europe,—"cabined, cribbed, confined," in narrow lanes, where industry had no field to work in, and ambition was obstructed its own heart for want of scope and object; and wives and children were pining away on the crusts of destitution and misery,—whilst here was earth enough to be the seat of imperial dominion, squandered apparently on a handful of untamed and untamable Indians. But impious would have been such a thought,—the foolish impiety of man's improvidence and ignorance. God's wisdom is not our wisdom. He had his own great purpose to work out in his own good time, and with the instruments of his own election. For now, there also American activity, industry, enterprise, have been exerted; and yellow harvest fields on the prairie, busy mills at the waterfall, populous communities by the riverside, have transfigured the face of the desert; and another powerful State (Minnesota) has arisen there to add to the greatness of the American Union.

THE MISSION OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC TO CONQUER THE CONTINENT.

Is not that manifest destiny? Is not that a providential mission? Is not that one of the steps in the "march, march, march" of the Union which, when suggested by me, on a former occasion, as what the Union had perforce to do, was taken to be the persecution of some awful monster shaking forth pestilence and death from its horrid hair? Ay, in this pioneer colony of Massachusetts, doubled with Plymouth, on the very rock of Plymouth itself, where a free compact of self government first found a foot-stand on earth, and from which point, together with the coeval starting point of Jamestown, there moved the two parallel columns of emigration which commenced America's march—at that very place, a good and honored friend of mine felt called upon to protest against my suggestion of the onward "march, march, march" of the advancing hosts of civilization, liberty and power which follow the westward flight of the eagle of the Union. I stand to my thought. I reiterate it. I stick to the purpose which brought my forefather, John Cushing, from Hingham in England to Hingham in Massachusetts. I say that every ship-load of colonists which came in the beginning to Virginia and to Massachusetts, and each one of us their descendants, who are but moving on with an acceleration of the original impetus which they gave us, and every ship load of colonists from Ireland and Germany, all and each one of us are but the humble ministers of God, appointed to occupy, to cultivate and to civilize America. It is oppression seeking to be freedom. It is want demanding to be want no longer. It is the strong man without air and without room, and determined to have them, or at least to die gallantly in the struggle for them. It is the irrepressible expansion of over-compressed human energies. It is the exodus of the nations. It is the outpouring of the too full blood of the old world into the all capacious veins of the new world. *It is the foundation in America of Republican empires to outstrend in numbers and outvie in strength the parent States of Europe.* I say *that to the work appointed of God for us to do, and, with the blessing of God upon us, that work we will do.* If rivers run across our path, we will bridge them; if mountains rise up to stop us, we will tunnel them; if deserts appear, we will reclaim and cultivate them; if oceans intervene, we will navigate them, to which last end, so long as there's an oak left on earth, gallant ships shall continue to be launched into the waters of this our Merrimac. No material obstacle can arrest our progress. We woo this *fair nature* which lies before us, and we woo it as its conqueror, like the vikings of the old time winning their brides of the sea in open combat. I say this in the same confidence of conviction as one who, seeing the sun set forth from the portals of the East, may speak of its onward course to the West. For time was when the United States were but weak little Colonies of England, scattered along the sea-shore. Then they overflowed the Alleghanies into the valley of the Mississippi. Next they absorbed the vast domain of France from Lake Superior all around to the Gulf of Mexico, and Westward to Oregon. Next they possessed themselves of the two Floridas, and then of Texas. And finally they have marched on through New-Mexico into remote California. But in our conquest of nature with our stalwart arms, and with our dauntless hearts to back them, we pray for that man, patience, more than ever, while pursuing the Fortune. That is inevitable. There can be no change for the better save at the expense of that which has one generation gives place to another. Out of decay springs fresh life. The tribes of Indians who hunted over the land, without occupying it, retire before us like the hunted deer and the beasts themselves—deeper and deeper into the interior recesses of the Continent. And the Hispano Mexicans, wasting away by apparent incapacity of self-government, are suffering one province after another of theirs to relapse into pristine desolation, and thus to become prepared to receive the people and the laws of the United States. All that is now history. Yet, wise men saw long before that so it was to be. From the present they inferred the future, and spoke of it with the positiveness and precision of inspired prophecy.

HISTORICAL ILLUSTRATIONS.

Of this a most remarkable proof is to be found in the secret memoir, but recently published, which the Count of Aranda confidentially addressed to his sovereign, Charles III. of Spain, on occasion of signing, in 1783, the treaties acknowledging the independence of the United States.

"I have just concluded and signed," he says, "a treaty of peace with England, and this negotiation has left in my mind a painful sentiment. We have recognized the independence of the English Colonies, and that is to me a subject of grief and of dread. France has few possessions in America; but she ought to have remembered that Spain, her intimate ally, has many, which now remain exposed to terrible convulsions. I will not stop to examine the opinion of statesmen, as well countrymen as foreigners, who agree with me in estimation of the intrinsic difficulty of preserving our domination in America. Without entering into those considerations, it suffices to speak of the perils with which we are menaced, on the side of the new power just created in a part of the earth where no other power exists capable of aiding and arresting its progress. This new federal republic has come into being a pigmy, so to speak, and in order to attain its independence has needed the support and the forces of two great powers, France and Spain. The day is at hand when in those regions it will be a giant—a terrible Colossus. Then it will forget the benefits which it has received from us, and will think only of its aggrandisement. The liberty of conscience—the facility of establishing new populations in immense territories, and the peculiar advantages held forth by the new Government, will attract thither cultivators and artisans of all nations, since men rush in pursuit of fortune; and thus, in a few years, we shall witness with sorrow the menacing existence of the anticipated Colossus. The first object of this power, when it shall have grown to strength, will be to possess itself of the Floridas, in order to command the Gulf of Mexico. After having thus interposed itself in the way of our commerce with New Spain, it will aspire to conquer that great empire, which it will not be possible to defend against a formidable power, established on the same continent, and, what is more, conterminous with it. These apprehensions are well founded, and cannot fail to be realized within a few years. Indeed, before then, revolutions still more disastrous should break forth in our Americas."

Is not that remarkable? The Count of Aranda saw the white cloud in the sky; when it was no bigger than a man's head, he knew that a tempest was wrapped up in its folds; and he sought to ward off the imminent peril by constituting the Spanish colonies at once into semi-independent monarchies, governed by vassal Spanish Princes under Charles as Emperor of Spain and the Indies, the latter retaining the immediate government only of the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico. If those provident counsels had prevailed, twenty years of revolution and of civil war would have been spared to Spanish, as by timely application of the same policy they have been to Portuguese, America. Just so it was that, thirty years previously, Thomas Pownall, the Royal Governor of Massachusetts, sought to anticipate the independence of the thirteen British colonies, by raising them to the condition of federal members of a great British union, a grand marine dominion, as he terms it—so as to bestride the Atlantic, with one foot of the Colossus resting on Europe and the other on America. If the far-reaching views of either Thomas Pownall or the Count of Aranda had been adopted, how different would be our present condition! But the wisdom of kings is nothingness and vanity, when weighed in the balance against the purposes of Providence. The Count of Aranda well knew that the results which he apprehended in regard to the Floridas and New-Spain were still more certain as to Louisiana. The annexation of that province to the United States was not, as too many suppose it to have been, a mere Democratic ambition of the times of Thomas Jefferson. There is a memorable letter, addressed, years before that, by Alexander Hamilton to Harrison Gray Otis, in which Hamilton strongly expresses the longings after Louisiana entertained by the men of Washington's particular school, and avows the conviction that the possession of it is indispensable to the continuance of the Union. He did but see and feel as to Louisiana what, in similar circumstances, others, at a later day, distinctly saw and felt as to Texas, and he it now declared; as to California also, the necessary companion of Oregon.

WALKER AND AARON BURR REPUDIATED.

I pray you not to misunderstand me. I reprobate, not war itself, but all irregular enterprises of war. I hold that the great issues of peace belong to the sovereign power of the Union, and should not be wantonly usurped by individual rashness. I *glory* in the acts, which it has fallen to me to perform, towards the repression of all such undertakings in the United States, whether on the part of a *presumptuous British Minister, recruiting troops within our jurisdiction for the purpose of warfare in the Crimea, or of a reckless American adventurer, recruiting them for the purpose of plunder and murder in Nicaragua.* No, let not the small man, Walker, be honored for this, on account of which the great man, Burr, was damned.

Non tali auxilio, nec defensoribus istis,
Tempus egit.

The United States require no such instruments to help them forward to the consummation of their destinies in America. On the contrary, they impede us, just as Walker, without capacity or power of possible good in himself, has only served to obstruct national purposes in Mexico, in Nicaragua, in all Spanish America. And such things tend to discredit us also. Thus far, if there be, in all the annals of time, a case of a mighty nation steadily advancing to its zenith in the shining light of untarnished honor, it is these United States. So mote it be—*noblesse oblige.* Independence of England, with our limits of original dominion intact, we achieved bravely on the field of battle, in righteous war, with Bunker Hill at the beginning of the contest, and at the close of it Saratoga and Yorktown. Our succeeding great step was Louisiana, and that came to us by the spontaneous act of our oldest—and may she never cease to be our constant—ally and friend,—generous and glorious France. Followed by the Floridas, not extorted by us from Spain, but ceded to us by her, as John Quincy Adams once, with his forcible eloquence, explained in my hearing—ceded to us in fair exchange for our own province of Texas. That again returned to us of its own free will, after having been raised, through the gallantry of her sons, with Hunter and Rusk at their head, to independence of Mexico, by the same identical right that Mexico was independent of Spain. And now California is ours, which we acquired in just war, and might have kept by the just right of war, but disdained to do so, choosing rather to hold it by the tenure of cession and of contract, with contribution of ample indemnity therefor to Mexico. I say, all that is a record of which any nation might, with good cause, be proud; and so may it be continued on hereafter in the same bright line of glory and of justice to the end!

AN APPEAL TO MASSACHUSETTS TO ABANDON ALL SMALLER ISSUES AND JOIN THE PARTY OF MANIFEST DESTINY.

But enough. I am trespassing on your indulgent attention, and hasten without further extending these remarks to the moral, which, in my judgment, they suggest to us of the State of Massachusetts.

My friends, we thus perceive, on review of the history of our country, from the days of Jamestown and Plymouth down to this hour—for the history of the Union does not begin at the revolution—we perceive that one great providential event occupied it permanently, to wit: the population and cultivation of North America under the auspices of English representative institutions, and by means of the overflow of the crowded, oppressed and discontented millions of Europe. That is the railroad track on which the cars of British America have been running for two centuries, dashing on, and smashing and crashing over everything which stood in the way of its mighty momentum, irresistible since it was the will of God. To the simple unity, the absolute continuous identity of this great event, there has been but one exception, the separation of Canada, New-Brunswick and Nova Scotia, from the Thirteen Colonies. In their endeavor to unite all British America under one Government, the founders of the American Republic failed; but the failure was in appearance rather than reality, for the same race, the same mind, the same law, the same political institutions, and the same public and private interests, control and direct the fortunes of the severed parts of British America; their progress and its results are in substance the same, and recent treaty arrangements of reciprocal intercourse have associated them in a commercial union, which, aided by geographical facts, will terminate in their association by political union. England knows this. *She is gradually relaxing her hold on America.* It would have been better for her to do this at the revolution; for, by relinquishing America, she gained, or will gain, Asia. To her, the two things have almost the intimate connection of cause and effect. Instructed by the past, and let me add, with nobler thoughts on the subject than heretofore, *she now sees and admits this, in her present attitude toward us.* Henceforth, then, America is ours, to work out in it the *eternal* decrees of Providence. Men of Massachusetts, have you at all times thoroughly appreciated, and strenuously coöperated to advance these great purposes of Providence? Have you? I might say—yes, you have in act, but not always in thought. You planted self government in America, the moment you touched its shores. Then you mistakenly strove awhile to establish here an exclusive theocracy; but in this you failed because it was incompatible with the one great preordained event. You yielded at length, and conceded to others that religious liberty which you had previously claimed for yourselves. You planted the thoughts of independence to the day of the revolution, embodying the doctrine in the Declaration of [illegible] Independence. You clearly perceived, and frankly, earnestly, powerfully contributed, with Virginia, to develop the great territorial capacities of the northwest. But were you equally clear-sighted in regard to the mid land imperial sentiment? Did you in reality support Virginia there? Did you not struggle to prevent the acquisition of Louisiana, the acquisition of Florida, the acquisition of Texas, the acquisition of California? Was not the Union, as our fathers conceived it, thus completed in spite of you? And yet, who prophesied fire, who prophesied sword, who prophesied constantly, by each of these great steps of the great event? Was it not you, the men of Massachusetts, with your ships, your manufactures, your mechanic arts, and your intelligence? Nay, did you not unconsciously, and as it were in spite of yourselves, potentially contribute, with might and with will, as Massachusetts does whenever she acts, to the consummation of the great event, by pouring your capital, your industry, your inventive genius, and your men, into each one of the successive territorial accessions to the Union. You did; you could not help doing it; you are strong and unwieldly, but the great event was stronger and more wilful than you; and it snatched you up out of the depths of unreasonable opposition to it, absorbed you into its vortex; and when there, as with your virtues and your lights you deserve to be, you become the most efficacious element of its further progress.

Why is it so? Why is it, that for so many years Massachusetts has perseveringly opposed whatever is, and persistently endeavored to prevent whatever is to be? I look around in my native State, and seeing it as it is crammed full with intelligence and accomplishment of the highest order, in all the possibilities of life, I ask myself if she be not,—and if she be not, why she is not,—the head, the brains, the thought, the soul of the American Union? It is not that the men of Massachusetts, with admitted high intelligence, lack courage. Quite as often as otherwise, they have this in excess, plunging into the strife as if they could master it,

"And with strong hand hold in the rearing world;"

and occasionally manifesting somewhat of that hardihood of unreason, which plants the butting bull in front of the locomotive machine's full career. Nor is it because of interested views on the part of Massachusetts. She is singularly disinterested—governed by ideas rather than by mere interests. She manifests this, even in her political aberrations. She opposes all policies of the federal government, sometimes merely because they are such. Thus, at one period, with Daniel Webster in the State Department, Edward Everett, Minister to England, Isaac C. Bates and Rufus Choate in the Senate, and a delegation composed of such men as John Quincy Adams, Leverett Saltonstall, Nathan Appleton, Robert C. Winthrop, and George N. Briggs, in the House, Massachusetts had, or might have had, her own way, in all things reasonable; and yet she pulled the building down about her head, out of imaginary devotion to the United States Bank. Why need she trouble herself as to that? "What is Hecuba to her, or she to Hecuba?" Could it advantage Boston to have all the banking capital of the country revolve around Philadelphia? Or was it important to Boston, whether any little surplus of public treasure on hand was or was not used as banking capital? Yet on such an issue opposition Massachusetts would have—opposition to her own men, nay, to her own man of men; just as, in the same train of incidents, on the question whether daily postage should be paid in silver or in bank-paper, there was another transient agency, at least in Boston. Why is it, again let me ask, that Massachusetts has not, instead of opposing always, rather assumed her post, in conscious right of intelligence and courage, proudly in that van of the march of the Union? Why linger in the rear always to pull back, to criticise, to complain of the Federal Government? I cannot say why it is—I see how it is. *She permits herself to be preoccupied with some secondary incident of the great event, and works herself into rage on that, until she has lost all thought and care of the great event itself, and of the part which in it she might and should play.* At the present time, when human wit is at the maximum of creative and productive action—when the steamship, the railway, and the electric telegraph, marvels though they be, are but faint signs of the progress around us—when earth and sky, air and sea, and all which in them is, animate or inanimate, partakes of the great movement, and are instinct with its spirits—at such a time the public mind of Massachusetts stands still, and grows passionate over some minor question. And we forget that while we sit by the wayside, angrily discussing the motes, not *diffectles*, of hours of idleness, the world is rushing silently by, leaving us in the lurch. Must it be so forever? Will Massachusetts choose always to be the drag or break on the wheels, and never the motive power itself? Will she constantly struggle to clog the march of the great event? If she reflect, she will be satisfied that she cannot stop it; nay, she will see that it is her own event, it is her very self, that she is vainly striving to stop. I repeat, that from Jamestown on the one hand, and from Plymouth on the other, issued the first two parallel streams of emigration and of political and social influence, flowing one to the southwest and the other to the northwest, which streams, in their westward progress, are the history, the life, the soul, the predestined great event of America. You may preside, at any rate, go with the fatal movement. But you cannot stop it; nay, whether you will or not, you are in it and of it, and must move on with its motion, either leading or led—for if not leading, you will be led—in the councils of the nation. Men of Massachusetts, I exhort you to "leave all meaner things to *low* ambition," and raise yourselves into *your* appropriate sphere. I entreat, I implore you, to abandon all thought of holding in those viewless courses of the winds, which, with stretched muscles and snorting nostrils, are hurrying us on to greatness; to discard the vain wish to check the course of the gallant ship of our destiny, which, with all sails set from deck to truck, and with favoring breezes to fill them, is wafted across the subject main, laden with the last and best hopes of mankind;—to cease from the pious endeavor to stop the fiery wheels of that chariot of the sun, which careers along the starry field of the Union, from the dawning of the Orient, up and over the empyrean heights of our actual power, on the uttermost regions of the Occident.

Mr. President: I have to entreat your pardon and the indulgence of my fellow-citizens, and of the gentlemen here, that I have ventured to occupy their attention for a moment with other things than mere expressions of my heartfelt gratitude for this scene. I can but renew them from the bottom of my heart, as I do. [Applause, long continued.]

The Independent and the Herald.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The *Independent*, it seems, recognizes the *Herald* as part and parcel of the reputable press of New-York. You are, therefore, lectured for not employing dainty terms in exposing its rascalities. In plain English, your religious neighbor thinks the *Herald* entitled to the same moral weight in its aggressive and libelous career upon property, credit, and character, as any other journal, pursuing the opposite or more decent course.

Very well. Let us see how this might be made to work with the *Independent* people, if the *Herald* battery of daily defamation should be turned in that direction. Their interests are understood to be varied, and their credit in public estimation of first importance—at least to themselves. They may not own or direct Railroads. But we find in the *Independent* a Dry Goods department, and a financial column. The one may be in charge of a Merchant; the other of a Bank director,—just as a leading column is supposed to be in charge of a Clergyman. Could either of these interests stand the calumnious insinuations and direct libels of the *Herald* as many weeks as the Railroads have stood them months, without ruin to credit and peace of mind to all concerned, if, like the *Independent* people, the whole world believed the authority of the *Herald* reputable? The defamatory course of the paper is notoriously capricious. To day, Railway credit is impeached. To-morrow, the Banks are attacked. The next day Mercantile solvency impugned. These things have been and will be again in its reckless columns. And if the *Herald* be the reputable print the *Independent* would make it, it need only point suspicion to any firm of Jobbers in Broadway, and ring the changes on wild expansion and worse collections, coupled with a word or two of the "explosion" which is sure to astonish the holders of their paper in Wall-street, and the work of defamation is complete.

Fortunately, not one fifth the people who read the *Herald* have the slightest respect for its opinions or confidence in its assaults upon all that is dear to character and credit. With the great body of the public it is simply and undisguisedly a mendacious flash newspaper. That it stands otherwise with the *Independent* people almost surpasses belief. W.

The New Police Law in Brooklyn.

Auditor's Office, City Hall, Brooklyn, Friday, April 24, 1851.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Sir: I see in your issue of this morning, that I am represented as not recognizing the powers conferred upon the Metropolitan Police Commission by the recent act of the Legislature, and that the Brooklyn Police will continue to receive their pay in defiance of said act. Allow me to say that as an officer under *the laws*, I respect the laws, and shall not pass for payment the accounts of any of the Police from the day the Commission was organized until the Courts shall have settled the question of the constitutionality of the new law. D. L. NORTHUP, Auditor of City of Brooklyn.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE

ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICA AT HALIFAX.

The Latest Returns from the British Elections.

Preparations for Laying the Submarine Cable.

The Impending War Between Spain and Mexico.

COTTON QUIET AND DROOPING.

BREADSTUFFS DULL---PROVISIONS STEADY.

Consols 92 5-8 a 92 3-4.

[By the American Printing Telegraph Company's Lines—Office, No 21 Wall-st.]

HALIFAX, Friday, April 24.

The Royal Mail steamship *America*, Capt. Lang, from Liverpool on the morning of Saturday, the 11th inst., arrived here at 6 o'clock on Thursday evening, and sailed again at 11 P. M. for Boston, where she will be due about 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, so that her mails can be dispatched South in the afternoon train of that day.

The *America* reports as follows: On the 11th inst. passed the American ship *Phœnix*, towing up the Mersey. Same day, off Point Lynas, passed the American ship *James Foster, Jr.* On the 12th inst. passed steamship *Africa*, bound to Liverpool; also, an American ship, supposed to be the *Alps* from New-York.

The steamship *North American* from Portland, arrived at Liverpool at 8 P. M. on Friday, the 10th inst.

Great Britain.

ELECTION RETURNS—MINISTERIAL RUMORS—THE LAYING OF THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH CABLE.

The Elections were almost over. The London *Post* summaries the result thus: Liberals, 338; Liberal Conservatives, 74; Conservatives, 306. Ministerial losses, 13; gains, 76.

The Hon. Sidney Herbert was spoken of to replace Lord Panmure as Minister of War.

The Ministerial candidate for Speaker of the House of Commons is the Hon. Evelyn Denison.

The Great Western Railroad Company, of Canada, had declared a dividend of nine per cent.

The English Government has agreed to furnish to the Atlantic Telegraph Company three steamships, one to make soundings, and two to assist in laying the cable. The *Agamemnon*, ninety-gun screw steamship of 3,000 tons, is to be employed to lay down the cable in connection with the United States steamship *Niagara*. The entire cable will be completed in June, and be laid in July next.

France.

RUMORED ATTEMPT AGAINST THE EMPEROR'S LIFE—CONVENTION WITH ENGLAND—COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

Various rumors had been in circulation of an attempt upon the Emperor's person, but they were without foundation. The rumors were owing to the fact that several arrests had taken place in Paris and the Departments of persons connected with a secret Society.

A convention has been concluded between Great Britain and France for preventing future misunderstanding with regard to the right of trading at Portendic, on the west coast of Africa, and at Albreda, on the River Gambia. Great Britain relinquishes the right hitherto enjoyed under treaty, of trading from the mouth of the River St. John to the Bay and Port of Portendic. France cedes to England the French factory at Albreda, but the French are to have free access to the River Gambia for the purposes of commerce, and are to be allowed to reside at the town of Bathurst, and such other trading stations as may hereafter be appointed.

In Paris on the 8th inst. the funds closed at 69f., 25c., for money and 69f., 10c., for account, and on the 9th inst. at 69f., 20c., for money and 69f., 50c., for account, showing an abatement in the pressure for money by an increase in the fears of speculators. The Bank of France returns show a falling off in cash of one million and eight thousand francs, but an increase in cash in the Branch Banks of thirteen millions seven hundred and forty three thousand. The premium on purchase of Gold and Silver had increased by four hundred and two thousand francs.

Spain.

THE PROJECTED INVASION OF MEXICO—REPORTATIONS OF RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

A Royal Decree enacts that the 16th battalions of infantry of the Army of Cuba shall be formed into eight regiments of two battalions each.

A Madrid letter says very active communications are taking place between the Spanish Government and those of France and England on the subject of the difference between Spain and Mexico. The Spanish Cabinet hopes to obtain the moral support of those two powers, and in the event of the question going beyond a war between Spain and Mexico, their material support also.

Switzerland.

It seems the Neufchatel question now turns solely on the amount of indemnity to be paid by Switzerland to Prussia.

Denmark.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS—THE SOUND DUES.

All the Ministers have tendered their resignations on account of local politics.

The Berlin *Zeitst* denies that a delay had been accorded to Denmark by Austria and Prussia, for the settlement of the Holstein question through French influence. It also confirms the statement that Russia has refused to agree to the claims of Denmark being referred to the arbitration of European Powers.

The Danish Diet has unanimously approved of the abolition of the abolition of the Sound Dues, and the treaty concluded with the various powers.

Le Nord says that Denmark intends to employ the major portion of the capitilization of the Sound Dues in paying off the two loans contracted in London in 1849 and 1850 which, at present, constitute a heavy burthen.

Italy.

NEAPOLITAN AFFAIRS—REDUCTION OF THE TARIFF IN PAPAL DOMINIONS.

A dispatch from General Martin, the Austrian Ambassador at Naples, repeat the statement that the King of Naples is more and more disposed to make advances towards the reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the Western Powers.

The Papal Government announces a further reduction in the Customs Tariff, to take effect immediately. The import duty on manufactured articles of coarse silk, linen, cotton, wove hair and leather, is reduced 30 to 70 per cent.; on wearing apparel 50; on linen or woolen thread 38; on felt for paper mills 50; on palm oil 50; on common soap 40, and on books bound in cloth 40. On export, the duty on coarse silk, carded and combed, is reduced two-thirds, and on wool and rags four-fifths. The duty on the export of wine is doubled.

Russia.

RAISING THE SUNKEN SHIPS AT SEBASTOPOL.

A letter from St. Petersburg, in *Le Nord*, of Brussels, says the operation of raising the vessels sunk in the port of Sebastopol has commenced. There are upwards of eighty of them sunk, and sixteen have already been recovered, namely: The *Chersonese*, a steamer of 20 horse-power; four transports, one brig, two schooners, two tenders, and six small crafts. The four transports are already afloat, and are engaged in conveying provisions and equipments. The *Chersonese* is undergoing repairs at Nicolaief and will be launched again in the Spring. Besides these vessels the government have six sailing transports and some steamers of from 60 to 100 horse power, and has lately brought five screw steamers, which are to come along the [illegible] Black Sea.

THE REPORTS WHICH [illegible]

Respecting the Austro-Sardinian [illegible] Austrian circular dispatch states that [illegible] mediation of England and France [illegible] Austria will have to take to secure for herself protection. The authenticity of this circular, however, is denied.

Turkey.

DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF MR. PETRIEFF TO THE PORTE—THE PRINCIPALITIES, &c.

The Turkish Gazette announces the formation of a permanent diplomatic mission at the Porte. Riza Bey is the Russ Plenipotentiary.

The Ottoman Ambassador at Teheran had presented a note requiring the execution of the Treaty of Demilitarization and the restitution of some towns to Turkey—particularly Ova, Mill and Sulimanie.

In respect to the union of the Principalities we learn that the opinion of the Porte had consistently maintained, being now instructed to consent to the arrangement, on condition that its sovereignty shall be respected, and that the union provinces continue to pay annual tribute.

The investigation into the Filibustering Expedition to Cruzada per the *Empero* proceeds.

Extensive emigration is organizing from Germany to Turkey.

Latest Intelligence.

ARRIVAL OF THE INDIAN MAIL—OPERATIONS IN BURMAH.

The steamer *Bombay* had arrived at Trieste with Bombay dates to the 8th, Calcutta to the 16th, and Madras to the 18th of March, and Bombay to the 25th of February.

Gen. Outram was about to send an expedition to capture Mehamedeen on the Kurrea. The embarkation of troops had commenced, and an attack was expected to take place between the 19th and 20th of March.

The Persian army was again collecting at Bushgoon.

Another and more serious mutiny of the men of the

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Important and Interesting Decision—The Atlas Mutual Insurance Co.—Subscription Notes.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT.

John Berry, Receiver of the Atlas Mutual Insurance Co. vs. Joshua W. Oliver and Robert W. Porter.

This action was brought by the plaintiff, as Receiver, to recover one half of an alleged subscription of the defendants, to the capital stock of the Atlas Insurance Company, to the amount of $2,000. That subscription bears date Nov. 8, 1855, and was for $1,000, payable in six and twelve months, less 5 per cent; and this suit is brought to recover the sum of $475, due thereon May 11, 1856.

The complaint alleges that the Atlas Insurance Company was an incorporated Insurance Company on the mutual plan, organized and doing business in the City of New-York, and became insolvent, and on the 11th of March, 1856, the plaintiff was appointed Receiver of the property and effects.

That in pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company, the Trustees thereof caused to be prepared, and circulated a subscription for signatures in the words following: "We, the subscribers, hereby agree to give to the Atlas Mutual Insurance Company, our notes in advance of premiums of insurance, of six and twelve months, in equal amounts, for the sums set opposite our names respectively, with interest added, that in consideration thereof, the Trustees are to be allowed by the Company, at the maturity of their notes, 5 per cent. discount thereof. This subscription is towards the $200,000 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Trustees of this date, and is not to be considered as the sum of $200,000 is subscribed, New-York, Nov. 5, 1855."

The resolution of Nov. 5, 1855, referred to in the subscription is as follows:

"Resolved, that a subscription in the form of a note for one per cent, payable in six and twelve months, be obtained subscriptions to be binding when the sum of $200,000 shall be subscribed, including the $40,000 already subscribed."

On the 19th of October, 1855, the Trustees adopted the following resolution:

"That any arrangement made by the Finance Committee for the purpose of arranging for funds to pay the premium notes of the Co., and to remedy the Insurance until other means can be provided, if they shall make themselves or their friends personally liable, the same shall be considered and treated as essential in any event, equal in all respects to the amount of $40,000, already subscribed by the friends of the Company for its relief."

The complaint further alleges that the defendants on 8th November, 1855, subscribed to the said subscription the sum of $1,000, and that the said sum or $500 was subscribed in accordance with the terms of said resolution, and of said subscription.

The plaintiff further alleges that the defendants had not given their notes, in accordance with said subscription, and that there was due thereon the said sum of $475, and interest from May 11, 1856.

The defendants in their answer deny that the said sum of $200,000 was ever subscribed in accordance with the terms of said resolution or of said subscription.

The defendants further allege that said sum of $200,000 was never subscribed in good faith, that many of said subscriptions were merely nominal, that they were made with the understanding that they were not to be binding; that the officers of the Company made subscriptions which were merely nominal, and made for the purpose of procuring from *bona fide* subscribers their notes in accordance with such subscription.

DECISION, Justice—The terms of the subscription and the testimony conclusively establish the position that the subscription of the defendants was not to be binding, unless the sum of $200,000 was actually subscribed. It was incumbent on the plaintiff as essential to his right to recover, to establish the fulfilment of the condition precedent; that this sum had been subscribed, and for this purpose he produces and proves the subscription book, which contains first, a resolution under date of Nov. 5, 1855, in these words:

"The Trustees of the Atlas Mutual Insurance Company, are to show their desire and determination to place the Company in an independent position, do resolve the amount set opposite their names, on the same conditions as set forth in the resolution of the Board of this date, to be paid in cash or notes, at thirty, sixty, ninety days, or four months, provided that the amount of three hundred thousand dollars is subscribed under that resolution."

Then follows the names of sixteen persons, and opposite thereto $20,000.

Then we have a copy of the subscription of $40,000, which the parties intend to, without doubt, in the resolution of October 19, 1855; and then succeeds the subscription of Nov. 8, 1855, already referred to, and which is hereinbefore amounts to the sum of about $1,000. Then follows a subscription amounting to $40,000, by the gentlemen who had agreed to subscribe, provided the $200,000 subscription was made, and then other subscriptions amounting to near $1,000. The original subscription of $40,000 is produced, and bears date Oct. 12, 1855.

The subscription which the defendants signed, and upon which they entered into, contains the express stipulation that "this subscription is not to be binding unless the sum of $200,000 is subscribed," and differs from the date of the subscription of Oct. 12, in the terms of the engagement to subscribe, inasmuch as they were both regarded as independent of each other, and that the $200,000.

The plaintiff's counsel has referred to another case upon this same contract in 24 Denio, 325, and confidently relies upon it as one authority to sustain the defendants liability in this case.

The Supreme Court had held in conformity with their decision, in 2 Wend. (supra) that the subscription of the whole number of shares, *as clearly inferred on the face of the agreement*, constitute a very material part of it, and deeply affected the separate interest of each subscriber, and that the defendant could not be made liable, as this material condition of the subscription had not been complied with.

The Court of Errors reversed the judgment of the Supreme Court upon the ground that it was not a condition of the agreement that the whole twenty-three shares should have been subscribed. The opinions for reversal were delivered by the Chancellor and Senator Lott. The former says, at page 351: "I confess, upon examining the agreement I cannot discover anything from which it can be reasonably inferred that the subscription of the whole number of shares, or twenty-one shares, was intended to be made a sine qua non precedent to the rights of the defendant to enforce the benefits of the contract, or the rights of the Company to demand a performance on the part of the defendant." Senator Lott says, at p. 356: "It was contended, however, that his (the defendant's) engagement was conditional, that his agreement was to take and pay for the twenty-three shares were subscribed and taken, and that the subscription of the whole number of shares was an indispensable condition precedent, arising on its face. It is not pretended that there is an express condition of that nature, and a careful examination of the different provisions of this agreement will show that such is not its fair construction."

Senators Porter and Bockee delivered opinions in favor of affirming the decision of the Supreme Court, on the ground taken by that Court, that it was fairly inferrable from the whole contract that it was upon the condition that the whole twenty-three shares were to be subscribed.

The judgment of the Supreme Court was reversed by one majority, and it must be assumed on the ground stated by the two judges who delivered the prevailing opinion, that the covenant was not conditional.

Instead of this case being, as was assumed by the plaintiff's counsel on his argument an authority, for the proposition that when an agreement is made upon condition, the party can be bound by it, without shewing that the condition precedent has been fulfilled, I regard it as sustaining exactly the contrary doctrine.

All the Judges who delivered opinions in that case concede that if the covenant had contained an express condition, that the twenty-three shares should be subscribed, the defendant could not have been made liable without showing that such subscription had been made, and the only difference between the Court of Errors and the Supreme Court was, whether such a covenant could be implied as clearly appearing on its face.

The Supreme Court and the minority of the Court of Errors holding that such was its fair construction, and the majority of the Court of Errors, though holding otherwise, conceding if such was its fair construction the plaintiff could not recover.

This case is distinguishable from the difficulty arising in that. In the agreement under consideration, is an express stipulation that the same "is not to be binding until the sum of $200,000 is subscribed."

If I am correct in the view I have taken of the facts in this case, $200,000 was never subscribed to that subscription, but only about $212,500. It never, therefore, became the defendant's subscription.

The condition precedent on which he agreed to become a subscriber, did not arise, and therefore no legal liability attached to him in consequence of that conditional engagement.

But it is contended on the part of the plaintiff, that taking all the three subscriptions together the same amounts to the sum of $200,000, and therefore the condition has been performed and the defendant's engagement is complete. I have already stated the difficulties in maintaining this position.

The first and obvious one is, that such is not the defendant's agreement; when he signed this he saw preceding it, two distinct, separate and independent subscriptions, one of the 12th of October, 1855, for $40,000, and the other an engagement by sixteen persons that they would subscribe the sum of $20,000, *provided*, the sum of $200,000 was subscribed under the resolution of Nov. 8, 1855.

It is apparent to my mind that originally these three subscriptions were regarded as separate and independent.

It is sufficient for this case to say that there is nothing in the agreement signed by the defendants to warrant the ground now assumed, that the $40,000, and the $20,000, subscriptions, were to be deemed part of the $200,000 which was to be subscribed before such subscriptions were to be binding.

I do not think such was originally the intent of the parties. It will be seen that the terms of both these subscriptions, were entirely different from that of the $200,000 subscription. The $40,000 of Oct. 12 was to be made in notes at four months. The $20,000, in cash or notes, at 30, 60, 90 days, or at four months, while that of the $200,000 was made in notes at six and twelve months, in equal amounts. It is impossible, therefore, to say that these three subscriptions are to be deemed and taken as one, and as forming a part of the $200,000. Their very language and terms contradict this assumption. Besides, it is apparent to my mind, that the fair construction of this subscription for $200,000 is, that the same is not to be operative unless the entire sum of $200,000 should be subscribed thereto, on the same terms as therein expressed, viz: in premium notes at six and twelve months in equal amounts.

Now, there is no ground for asserting that any such sum has been subscribed on those terms, and the difficulties are to me insurmountable, in taking other subscriptions, made at different times and on different terms, and regarding them as part of this.

This view of this case is so clear and conclusive to my mind that I should have no hesitation in ordering judgment for the defendants without considering the other questions raised. But, as they have been discussed with care and ability, and pressed with earnestness upon the Court, they merit, as they are entitled to receive, a careful consideration.

The plaintiff contends that as the whole sum of $200,000 was actually subscribed after the date of the 12th of October, this Court is to hold, that within the fair meaning and intent of the subscription, signed by the defendants, the sum of $200,000 was subscribed, and therefore the condition was fulfilled.

This is on the assumption that the subscription of $40,000 and that of $20,000 (in fulfilment of which $48,000 appears to have been only subscribed) are included as part of the $200,000 subscription. The objections to this have already been stated.

It is not alleged that all the subscriptions made after Oct. 12, including that, exceed the sum of $200,000. It is said that the sum total of the whole just equals that sum. In this total is included the $40,000 subscription of Oct. 12. That subscription as is apparent from the terms of the resolution of Oct. 30, had been placed on a footing different from the other subscription made under the resolution of the Board of Nov. 8, 1855. It, in fact, was to be regarded as confidential, while the residue of the subscription did not partake of that character. It was securing to a portion of the subscribers an advantage not participated in by the others, and I do not regard the fact that the Trustees did not carry out this arrangement as varying its legal effect.

A not dissimilar arrangement existed as to a portion of the subscriptions for the benefit of Hamilton College, in the case of Stewart vs. Trustees of that college cited supra: There the total of the subscription was to be $50,000. The whole amount not being subscribed by the day named, the Trustees passed a resolution, to raise further money to save harmless those persons who had agreed, and who thereupon did make up the deficiency—and the Trustees therefore regarded the whole amount as subscribed.

Chancellor Walworth said, in reference to such an agreement that, "the essence of every agreement of this kind is, that there should be perfect equality among the subscribers as to the nature and extent of their respective liabilities for the several sums subscribed by them respectively. To have made this general subscription valid, so as to fill up the sum of subscriptions and contributions to the amount of $50,000 (the sum in that case to be subscribed before the subscriptions became binding) within the terms of the agreement, it should have been an absolute donation of the amount of the deficiency, to be paid at the same time as the other subscriptions, and no part of it to be restored or refunded to them upon any contingency, or in any event other than such as were common to the subscription of all the other subscribers."

In support of this well settled principle, alike in harmony with the law and sound morals, the Chancellor refers to the case of a composition deed, where there is an express agreement between the creditors themselves to discharge the debtor upon receiving a ratable proportion of the respective debts, any private agreement or understanding between the debtor and any particular creditor that the latter shall at any time, or in any contingency receive a greater sum than the amount of his debts specified in the composition deed, is held to be void as a fraud upon the other creditors. (1 Anst. Rep. 202. 3 Ib. 910, Jackson vs. Duchaire, 3d Term Rep. 551. Cockshot vs. Bennett, 2 Term R. 763. Steinemanns. Maguire, 11 East 390. Wood vs. Bentley, 6 Hill 56.

The agreement, therefore, to regard this $40,000 subscription upon a different footing, than the residue of the subscription was a fraud upon the other subscribers, and vitiated the whole transaction.

But it is argued that the defendants must have known that this $40,000 subscription was to be taken as part of the $200,000 subscription, and the terms and conditions upon which it had been made.

First—Because the Trustees, in their resolution of Nov. 8, 1855, authorizing this subscription, stated that it should be binding when $200,000 was subscribed, including the $40,000 already subscribed.

Second—That the reference to that resolution, in the subscription signed by the defendants, adopts it as part of the terms of the subscription.

In relation to the first position, nothing was said in the resolution of Nov. 8, of the terms upon which the $40,000 had been subscribed, and although the Trustees might have intended that the subscription should be binding on all the subscribers, when $200,000 additional was subscribed, such clearly is not the language or the true construction of the subscription. That is the agreement of the defendants, and by that must they be bound. The intention of the Trustees not communicated to them, and assented to by them, can have no effect in determining their liability; and it seems to me that the reference in the subscription to the resolution of the Trustees was not of such a character as to lead the defendants and the other subscribers to suppose that it contained any thing else than the general authority to raise a subscription to the amount of $200,000.

It certainly cannot be fairly said that this reference adopts the provisions of that resolution, that the subscription was to be binding when $200,000 was subscribed, when the subscription itself contains a contrary stipulation. The latter must govern as being the contract of the defendants.

Conceding that the defendants had agreed to be bound, provided $200,000 in addition, had been subscribed, was that condition complied with? Including the $48,000 subscribed, as I regard it in fulfilment of the engagement of Nov. 8, to subscribe $50,000 the total of all, excluding the $40,000, is just equal to the requisite sum of $200,000.

To make up this sum there is included subscriptions to the amount of $27,000 by various insurance companies. I am at a loss where to find the power or authority conferred upon these companies to advance their notes in anticipation of premiums on insurance which they may never make, and in this case never did make except to a small extent, to sustain a falling or revive an insolvent corporation.

If these subscriptions, or any part of them were ultra vires, they are void and no subscription, and it follows that the necessary amount to make the defendants subscription binding, never was raised. No power is shown in their charters thus to apply the funds of this Corporation to such purposes, and it is certainly not an incidental power and necessary to the conduct and management of the business for which they were called into being. It certainly needs no argument or authority to show that a Corporation created for the purpose of insurance has no power to advance its moneys, or obligations to sustain another Corporation in similar or dissimilar business.

Neither does the authority given to these companies to insure policies or risks taken by them in other companies, authorise or give any warrant for these subscriptions.

When these premium notes are given, the maker becomes to that extent a stockholder in the Company receiving the premium notes, and by numerous decisions in this State, the whole amount of the note is payable, though no insurance has ever been effected by the maker, and such notes are a substitute for capital stock. 1 Sandf. S. C. R. 136, and cases there cited.

Could these Companies thus subscribe to the capital stock of the Atlas Insurance Company? This point was ruled in the negative by the Supreme Court of Connecticut, Vol. 24, Conn. Rep. 169; Mutual Savings Bank vs. Meriden Agency Company. The Chief Justice in delivering the opinion of the Court in that case says: "But when the Directors of the Company subscribe for stock in A Building Association, whatever may have been their motive, whether to obtain a loan of money, or for purposes of speculation, they transcended the powers conferred upon them, and departed from the legitimate business of the Company, as much as if they had subscribed for stock in a Manufacturing or Steamboat Company. Such subscription, in our opinion, is not binding upon the defendants, and any payments made upon it to the plaintiff would be money received by them without consideration." The Court holds in that case that the subscription was void and that the Corporation never became stockholders. If these Corporations had the power to make their subscriptions, we have seen that the legal effect of such subscriptions was to make the subscriber a stockholder to the amount thereof, and liable to pay such subscription or premium note forthwith, though the Corporation receiving it might have failed the next day and never earned in premiums one cent of the amount.

Can it be contended that insurance companies organized for a specific purpose, can thus put at hazard, nay waste, entirely the capital stock or fund contributed and held by them, for the purposes of their charter? I think clearly not, and that subscriptions by them like these now under consideration, are ultra vires and void.

Such I understand is the current of authority not only in this country, but in England. The case of Tallmage vs. Fell, 2 Seld. 236, contains the rule of this State governing corporations,—and that case meets the argument of the plaintiff's counsel, that because these companies were authorized to reinsure their policies or invest their surplus funds in the stocks of other incorporations, therefore they had authority to make this subscription. Neither of these objects were those for which these subscriptions were made, and though they had authority to do those things, it does not follow they had authority to lend their means or credit to sustain a failing or insolvent corporation or become stockholders in other corporations.

I shall content myself with citing a single case from the English Reports for the rule on this subject as established there.

The case of the East Anglian Railway Company vs. Eastern Counties Railway Company, 7 Law, and Eq. Rep. 505, is a leading one on this subject, and I am not aware that its authority has ever been questioned or overruled. The case appears to have been very fully and ably argued by the counsel, and maturely considered by the Court, and the points decided are—That a railway company incorporated by Act of Parliament is bound to apply all the funds of the company for the purposes directed and provided for by the act, and for no other purpose whatsoever. And when such a railway company was incorporated by a public Act of Parliament "for the purpose of making and maintaining" a particular railway and other works by the act authorized, "and for other purposes therein declared," and they were empowered by the act to raise money for making and maintaining the railway and other works authorized by the act, and the money so raised was directed to be expended towards those purposes and otherwise carrying the act into execution, and after paying these expenses the profits of the company were to be divided among the proprietors. The purposes mentioned in the act were confined to the acts to be done upon and relating to the railway to be made by the company.

The defendants the Company so incorporated covenanted with the plaintiffs, another Railway Company, to take a lease of their railways and to pay the costs of soliciting bills then pending in Parliament, by which the plaintiffs were to be authorized to make extensions and branches of their railways. In an action for breach of covenant in not paying the costs of the bills in Parliament—

Held, that the act incorporating the defendants, being a public act must be presumed to be known to the plaintiffs and that they could not recover, inasmuch as the covenant entered into by the defendants was beyond the scope of their authority as a corporation, and was therefore illegal and void, however beneficial to the defendants' railway, the objects of the covenant if carried out, might be.

Erwin C. J. says: "It is clear that the defendants have a limited authority only, and are a corporation only for the purpose of making and maintaining the railway sanctioned by the act, and that their funds can only be applied for the purpose directed and provided for by the statute. . . . Any proprietor when he takes shares has a right to expect that the conditions upon which the act was obtained will be performed, and it is no sufficient answer to a stockholder expecting his dividend, that the money has been expended upon an undertaking which at some remote period may be highly beneficial to the line.

The public has an interest in the proper administration of the powers conferred by the act."

Applying these principles to the present case, it is quite clear that no power was given to the officers of these various companies to make this subscription, and thus if they had the power, subject the property of their stockholders to the hazards of a business carried on by another corporation, in whose management they had no voice or control, or to appropriate the funds and property of their shareholders to the payment of losses sustained by another corporation, or to the discharge of debts incurred by it.

No such departure from the powers conferred on these companies, or from the duties imposed upon them, can be sanctioned by this Court. Such acts are unauthorized and void, and although these companies did subscribe to this fund the sum of $27,000, it was in fact no subscription, and the necessary amount to make it binding by its terms on the defendants, supposing all the residue properly made up remained deficient this amount.

But it was contended on the argument, that supposing this objection tenable, it appeared by the testimony that the Atlas Insurance Company had realized the proceeds of all their subscriptions of these Companies, except that of the International and Philadelphia Insurance Company, amounting to $7,000, and $4,500 of that of the Astor Mutual Insurance Company.

It appears that the notes received from these companies, thus realized, were passed away by the Atlas Mutual Insurance Company, and if the doctrine of the Supreme Court of Connecticut is sound, any payment made by these companies, being upon a void subscription and without consideration, may be recovered back. It is, therefore, far from safe to say, that the Atlas Mutual Insurance Company has received the avails of these subscriptions. It is quite beyond contradiction that of these subscriptions, $9,500 are still unpaid by these companies, and if the law is as announced in this opinion that sum cannot be collected. These companies had no authority to make any such contracts; it is simply void, and is no subscription within the meaning and intent of the stipulation that $200,000 was to be subscribed before the subscription was to be binding.

But assuming that I am in error, in reference to the binding force and validity of the subscription of these companies, there is an objection to that of one of them, which is fatal to it, and sufficient to reduce the subscription below the $200,000.

I allude to that of the International Insurance Company. That was never authorised by the Directors of that Company or known to them. It was proven on the trial of this case that it was made under an agreement between the two companies for a mutual exchange of notes for the sum of $5,000. That these companies had no authority to make such exchange, needs no argument to fortify and illustrate. That such an arrangement was a fraud upon the other subscribers, we have seen to be established, and consequently it vitiated the whole transaction. In the language of Chancellor Walworth, already cited, the essence of such an agreement is that there should be perfect equality among all the subscribers as to the nature and extent of their respective liabilities. No such equality is preserved by such an arrangement, but is equally, if not more, vicious and objectionable, than the arrangement in reference to making the $40,000 subscription confidential. It was proven that several of the individual subscriptions were made upon terms and arrangements, not common to the other subscribers, being taken, on account of debts past due by the company to the persons making the subscription, the condition being if he would subscribe, it should apply in part payment of the debt due and the balance would be paid by the company.

This arrangement was equally a fraud upon the other subscribers, and vitiated the transaction.

I am, therefore, constrained to hold, in every aspect in which I have regarded this case, that the condition precedent, which the parties agreed to and reduced to writing, and which was made part of the agreement upon which these defendants are now sued, *viz.; That the same was "not to be binding until the sum of $200,000 is subscribed,"* has not been fulfilled, and that consequently no legal liability has been created against the defendants by signing the same.

Judgment for defendants.

For plaintiff, C. C. Egan. For defendants, Messrs. Beebe, Dean and Donohue.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—April 24.

Before Judge Nelson.

Alexander Cross vs. George Law.—In this case the Jury, this morning, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for the sum of $12,933 79.

The Court then took up the argument of the demurrer, and the application for a *ne exeat*, in the case of *Graham vs. Meyer & Stucken*, which was adjourned over from last Saturday. The argument was commenced by Mr. Brady for the defendants, and closed by Mr. O'Conor for the plaintiff. Judge Nelson took the papers.

ATTACHMENT FOR CONTEMPT—THE SICKLES CUT-OFF—THE STEAMBOAT METROPOLIS.

The case of *Wm. B. Sickles vs. Wm. Borden and Augustus Sharpes et al.*, was then taken up. In this case, which is a bill in equity, filed upon a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in relation to the use of the Sickles Cut-off upon the steamboat *Metropolis*, temporary injunction was granted restraining the defendants from using the Cut-off complained. The owners of the boat, however, having removed the adjustability of the cut-off, ran the boat as before. After her first trip in this way, however, a motion was made for an attachment against the defendants for violating the injunction. The motion was heard before Judge Hall, who directed an attachment to issue against the defendant Sturgeswing is the engineer of the boat. The attachment issued, and the defendants appeared, and having answered the interrogatories filed by the plaintiff, the case now came up for a hearing upon these answers. The main point of which was that he was only the engineer in employ of the Company who owned her, and did not think that his running the engine under his contract was a violation of the injunction.

Mr. Dickinson argued the matter in behalf of the plaintiff, and it was then laid over till to-morrow.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—April 24.

Before Judge Betts.

The United States vs. Jeremiah Towle.—This case was at last brought to a close to-day, it being manifest that there were no questions in the case proper to be submitted to the jury, by both parties consenting that a general verdict for the United States subject to the opinion of the Court on the points of law; the amount to be adjusted by the Court, and if the balance was found in favor of the defendant, such balance to be certified, and with leave to each party to carry the case up on exceptions.

SUPREME COURT—Special Term—April 24.

Before Hon. Justice Clerke.

ANOTHER SUIT AGAINST THE BALANCE DOCKS.

Samuel S. Roberts vs. The New-York Balance Dock Company.—This is an action similar to the one of Hooker against the same. The plaintiff has an establishment nearly opposite the dock, and wishes to have his vessels come to the place now occupied by it to discharge their cargoes. The arguments are essentially the same as in the other case.

DECISIONS.

Hutchings vs. Comp.—New trial denied with costs.

SUPERIOR COURT—Special Term.

Before Hon. Justice Hoffman.

THE JOHSON PATENT CASE.

Johson vs. Allen.—This case, it will be remembered, was for services rendered by the plaintiff as an expert in a suit brought by the defendant in Cincinnati in regard to a patent for teeth. The Jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for $950. The defendant appealed to the Special Term, and the case was argued by Wm. W. Northrop, Esq., for the defendant, and James T. Brady, Esq., for the plaintiff. His Honor rendered a decision, granting a new trial, as the evidence did not sustain the verdict rendered. Costs to abide the event.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Hon. Recorder Smith.

The trial of Joseph Miller, for the murder of his wife, the negro D'Orsay, for the murder of the girl in Worth-street, and Michael Wogan, for arson in the first degree, were yesterday postponed until the May Term.

The case of Neal Duffy, a policeman, charged with assaulting a man named McManus on election day, was then called up. Judge Beebe, who appeared for the defendant, stated that he could not proceed to trial in the absence of a material witness, whereupon the Recorder ordered the case to be postponed to the May Term. The complainant, McManus, immediately arose in great ire, and in a very insolent manner said that he had been brought into the Court often enough to have the case tried, and that he was determined he would not come again. If any policeman was sent to fetch him, he would murder him. He was about moving out of the Court room, accompanied by his wife, when the Recorder ordered his arrest. He was brought to the Recorder's bench, and upon being asked what he had to say why he should not be punished for contempt of Court, he professed ignorance of the Recorder's meaning. He was brought to his senses, however, by a prompt fine of $15, which his wife instantly paid. He quitted the Court a poorer and a wiser man.

THE ASSAULTS ON ELECTION DAY.

The cases of Aldermen William Wilson, McConnell, *Enright, Callahan, Holland, and others, alleged rioters* on the last election day, were next called up for trial. Mr. John Graham, senior counsel for defence, not being in court, considerable delay took place, and as Mr. Graham did not appear, the junior counsel, Mr. Sweeney, requested that the trial should be postponed till the May term. The Recorder replied that for the credit of the City, for the ends of justice, and for the interests of the accused themselves, the charges ought to be at once disposed of. The District-Attorney also urged the immediate trial of the defendants. The case had been long before the Court, and the defendants had neglected to attend to it. In their bearing upon the administration of public justice, these trials were highly important. It had been recently said in the Legislature that an election day was the Sabbath of an elector, and personal violence on that day was to be regarded as an offence of greater magnitude than on any other.

The Recorder remarked that it was a State Prison offence.

The Counsel for defence said that he had only received notice about an hour before that the trial was to come off. He was not at all prepared to proceed. Mr. Graham was prepared, but he was not to be found.

The District-Attorney stated that the reason alleged by the defendants for their unwillingness to proceed to trial, was the fact that the Recorder, in his capacity as a magistrate, had taken some of the affidavits.

The Recorder replied that such an objection was certainly frivolous. He would not recognize the idea that a judge upon the bench could entertain any partisan feelings for or against the accused. He was always glad when a party against whom a charge was made, and who was placed upon his trial could, with justice be acquitted, and if these parties were innocent he should be glad to see them released, and they could show their innocence then, as well as at any other time. If they proved to be guilty, he should do as he had already announced, punish them to the utmost extent of the law.

The trials were ultimately ordered for the first Wednesday in the May term.

There being no other business ready, the jurors were dismissed and the April term closed.

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

City-Judge Russell sat upon the bench of the Court of Special Sessions yesterday. The prisoners' box was crowded with men and women, black and white.

John Thomas was placed at the bar. He had assaulted Redmond Roche, a First Ward policeman at Castle Garden. He said he was drunk when he did it and greatly excited. The excuse was not considered sufficient, so he was fined $25, which he promptly paid, and was thereupon permitted to depart.

James O'Rorke and William Shay were charged with committing a violent assault upon Peter Kline, of No. 49 Allen-street. Kline was a disbanded man, and had been heard urging the claims of his candidate in a Bowery bar-room. The prisoners, who were Harry Howard men, found him in the street soon after and punished him for it. The Judge fined them $10 each and dismissed them.

James Byron was put to the bar for chastising his wife Honora in a cruel and unusual manner. He talked so long and loudly that it was found necessary to call him to order several times. He had a lawyer to plead his case, but he wouldn't permit the lawyer to speak a sentence without interruption. He said he was determined to "try" himself. His wife thought he had already been punished enough, and was willing to forgive him. She so intimated to the Judge, who was about to suspend judgment, when the prisoner burst forth in a fit of temper, and applied to his wife epithets of so obscene a character that the Judge at once passed sentence of three months' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Ann Lawlor and Sarah Clapp were charged with stealing a horse-blanket. Their guilt was fully proven. They were each sentenced to the Penitentiary for six months. One of them had a little child, whom she feelingly caressed during the progress of the trial. When sentence was passed a woman—one of the spectators—came forward and took the child from the prisoner, thereby causing a great commotion in Court. "The poor thing has the small-pox, Sir," screamed the intruder; "and is dying." After considerable shuffling and pushing, the child was transferred to the outside woman, to whom it no doubt belonged, the prisoner having borrowed it to excite the Magistrate's sympathy.

KINGS COUNTY COURT OF SESSIONS—April 24.

Before Hon. Samuel D. Morris, County Judge, and Justices Schenckman and Rockwell.

The evidence in the case of Richard Lewis, on trial for rape, was closed to-day, at 12 o'clock. The afternoon was occupied by District-Attorney Schumaker, and prisoner's counsel, R. H. Huntley, Esq., in summing up the case. The Court will charge the Jury to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

Arraignments—John Powers and Richard Johnson, indicted for burglary, were arraigned, and pleaded not guilty.

John Tice, indicted for grand larceny, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

A Veteran Printer and Editor.—The announcement in the papers of the death, at the age of 78, of Amos Butler, Esq., late editor of the New-York *Mercantile Advertiser*, reminds me that Mr. John Turner, of the old firm of Lang & Turner, editors of the New-York *Gazette*, (the great commercial paper of this City, thirty or forty years ago,) yet survives here in Lexington-avenue, at the advanced age of 85, one of the oldest, if not the very oldest printer and editor in the country. He was apprenticed to the printing business as long ago as the year 1785, to the well-known Samuel Loudon, of this City. In 1795, he became one of the editors of the Philadelphia *Minerva*—a literary journal of four pages quarto. The following year he became sole proprietor of the same; when, such was his enterprise and assiduity, that for a long time he actually performed the whole of the duties of the paper undivided, being at once the editor, publisher, compositor, pressman, carrier, collector, printer's devil, and all in his own person. His subsequent partnership in the New-York *Gazette*, with his friend John Lang, lasted nearly a third of a century, in mutual harmony and prosperity, up to 1829. The veteran printer's health, considering his age, is good; and in November last, he gave proof of his energy and his devotion to genuine Republicanism, by accompanying his Republican son, Dr. Wm. Turner, to the thronged poll of his Ward (and everybody has heard how roughly the elections in New-York are conducted) and depositing his vote for Fremont, and for John A. King, (as Governor of his native State,) the son of his time-honored, political friend, Rufus King.—*New-York Correspondent of the Boston Transcript.*

NEWS BY THE MAILS.

The Teller of the Leighton Bank at Lynn, Henry W. Burrs, has defaulted in $8,000. He accepted the trusteeship of Mr. Bassett, of which firm Mr. Sawyer, of Hull, Burrs's father-in-law, is a member. The Bank has been newly secured on the claim of $7,000. Mr. Burrs claimed to have induced the young man to embezzle the funds, and had made arrangements to meet the semi-annual examination of the accounts of the Bank by putting in a quantity of the paper of the firm, but Mr. Gaskill, not satisfied at the freedom taken with the signature, forbid the deposit of the notes, hence the delinquency and subsequent confession of young Burrs, who disclosed the whole affair to the President. It is not probable that legal proceedings will be taken.

The members of the Massachusetts Legislature improved Fast-day, last week, by "visiting the Institutions." At the House of Correction in Plymouth, the centre of attraction was Mrs. Gardner, imprisoned on a charge of poisoning her husband. She talks freely in respect to the poisoning; admits conjugal difficulties, but claims to have been the victim of religious persecution, she being a Baptist, while her husband was a Universalist, and that he had forbid her attendance upon her own church, with threats. She asserts her innocence vehemently, but makes no attempts at a detailed defence. It is a great disappointment, she asserts, that her trial does not come off at this term, as she is perfectly sure of acquittal.

The Boston *Traveller* says: "For the last seven or eight years, at different times, a party of three or more have been in the habit of visiting a field situated on the west side of Ruggles-street, near Parker-street, Roxbury, and digging for hidden treasure. The spot is near a creek, and long before the mill-dam was built small vessels passed up and down, and near this place it is supposed the famous Capt. Kyd buried some of his money. Within the last four weeks, a party of three persons have visited the place and dug for the money, and on Wednesday night last five persons proceeded to the field, and their proceedings were witnessed by a police-officer and several others. No money has yet turned up.

The liquor law of Massachusetts has produced a curious state of affairs in Lynn. The proprietors of the Sagamore House proposed to displace the landlord for selling intoxicating drinks; the landlord bought up $2,000 worth of stock so as to control a new Board of Directors; and this fact coming to the ears of the present Board, they leased the hotel for a term of 20 years to another company, composed of substantial and respectable citizens of Lynn.

An enormous blast was made in the quarries in Bolton, Conn., last week. With a charge of 1,500 pounds a mass of rock was upheaved twenty-five feet in depth, twenty-five feet wide and fifty feet long. Three thousand tons of waste rock were removed—1,000 tons thrown from fifteen to 100 rods distant; one mass, weighing some fifteen tons, was thrown thirty rods. The tops of trees in the neighborhood were shaved off as if by an axe.

The Ohio *Statesman* learns that Edward Hawkins, who, last month, shot and killed James M. Land and Jesse Anyhis, Sheriff and Constable of Estill County, Ky., was taken at his father's, in Adams County, in this State, and lodged in the jail of Estill County, Ky. On Sunday the surrounding inhabitants assembled, broke into the jail, carried off Hawkins, conveyed him to the spot of the murder, and there hung him.

The prisoner, Wm. Townsend alias McHenry, arrested in Cleveland, proves to be, as far as the evidence yet taken attests, the man he was arrested for. Several persons recognized in the prisoner the man who in Upper Canada in 1854 passed as Billy Townsend, and whose crimes set the whole province in pursuit, and for whom the authorities offered a thousand pounds reward. Canadian officers have taken him in charge.

The New-Brunswick papers are mostly filled with discussions upon the coming legislative election, *the Government and Liberal parties having candidates* in nearly all the counties, and the liquor law question forming part of the excitement, which is pretty fully developed in the journals.

The Tennessee Democratic State Convention assembled at Nashville on the 16th inst., and nominated Hon. Isham G. Harris, of Shelby County, for Governor. A very large number of delegates were present, representing every county in the State.

MARKET REPORTS.

Markets.....Carefully reported for the N. Y. Times.

New-York, Friday, April 24, 1857—6 P. M.

ASHES—Are in fair request at full rates. Pearls, $4@$4 12½; Pots, $4 25@$4 27½ ₩ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Is not so brisk, but it is stiffly held. Java, 15¼@16½c.; Laguayra, 9c.@10½c. Maracaibo, 12c.@12½c.; St. Domingo, 11c.@12c.; Jamaica, 11¼c.@11½c.; and St. Domingo, 10½c. ₩ lb.

COFFEE—Is in moderate demand at about former rates.

COTTON—Is unsettled, parties disagreeing about prices. A limited business only was reported to-day, on a basis, pretty fairly represented by the following figures:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile.	New-Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	12	12½	12½	12½
Middling	13¾	14	14¼	14½
Middling Fair	14¾	14¾	15	15¼
Fair	15	15¾	15¾	15¾

FIRE—Exhibits no important change.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The market for State and Western Flour appears pretty brisk and buoyant, with sales since our last of about 9,900 bbls., mainly at prices within the quoted range.

Ordinary State	$5 65@$5 70
Straight State	5 70@ 5 80
Extra State	5 70@ 5 80
Common to Good Indiana and Upper Lake	5 70@ 6 25
Common to Good Superfine Ohio	5 75@ 5 95
Fancy Michigan	5 85@ 5 95
Extra Indiana and Michigan	5 90@ 7 75
Extra Ohio	5 90@ 7 75
Fancy Genesee	6 20@ 7 50
Extra Genesee	6 20@ 8 50
Extra Missouri	6 00@ 8 75
Canadian continues unaltered. Superfine to extra is worth $6@$7 50 ₩ bbl.; 300 bbls. were disposed of within the range. Southern is still in good request, at firmer prices. The transactions, since our last, comprise about 3,000 bbls. for Mixed to fair Extra, and choice Extra at $6 80@$6 85, and $6@$6 75 ₩ bbl. Rye Flour rules quiet yet firm, at $4 50@$4 62½ for Fine, to Superfine ₩ bbl. Corn Meal is in moderate supply and demand, at $4 50@$4 25 for Jersey, and $4 50@$4 62½ for Brandywine, ₩ bbl. The latter brings $17@$17 50 ₩ tun in puncheons.	

GRAIN—Wheat is rather plentiful, but it is in lively demand, and is advancing. Sales have been made of about 14,000 bushels, including fair to good ordinary Western, at $1 27@$1 28; good to prime Southern White at $1 30@$1 31; and very choice Southern Red at $1 34 ₩ bushel. Rye has sold to a small extent, at $1 10@$1 12 ₩ bushel. Barley is heavy and dull, at $1 20@$1 25 for poor to prime, ₩ bushel. Barley Malt is active and firm. Oats are salable and steady, at 52c.@60c. for Western, 56c.@60c. for Blight Southern, 60c. for Jersey, and 57½c.@60c

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FOR MR. WALCOT'S BENEFIT, MONDAY, April 27,
At Wallack's Theatre.

MRS. JAMESON'S CONCERT.—AT THE REquest of many friends, Mrs. JAMESON will give a VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 29, at Dodworth's Academy, No. 806 Broadway, on which occasion she will be assisted by the following artists:
DR. CHARLES A. GUILMETTE.....Bass.
MR. HENRI APPY.....Violinist.
MR. G. WASHBOURN MORGAN.....Pianist.
MR. E. SCHMITZ.....French Horn.
And an Amateur Vocal Quartette.
Messrs. MORGAN and WALTER, Accompanists.
ADMISSION, ONE DOLLAR.
Concert to commence at 8 o'clock.
Tickets for sale by HALL & SONS, No. 239 Broadway; C. BREUSING, 701 Broadway; at the Pianoforte rooms of T. S. BERRY, No. 485 Broadway, corner of Grand-st.; and by Mr. G. S. CHAPIN.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—FIFTEENTH SEASON, 1857.—The fourth and last Concert will take place on SATURDAY EVENING, April 25, 1857, at the Academy of Music, corner of 14th-st. and Irving-place. The following Artists have kindly volunteered their services:—Miss Maria S. Brainerd and Mr. H. C. Timm, Conductor, Mr. Theo. Eisfeld. Tickets for sale at the music store of Messrs. Scharfenberg & Luis, No. 769 Broadway; C. Breusing, No. 701 Broadway; Wm. Hall & Son, No. 239 Broadway, and M. Walker, No. 187 Fulton-st., Brooklyn. Members will please to procure their extra tickets on or before the day of the Concert. All the tickets sold at the door on the evening of the Concert will be $1 50 each. No secured seats. Doors open at 6½ o'clock. To commence at 8 o'clock, P. M. By order, L. SPIER, Secretary.

ORATORIO OF THE SEVEN SLEEPERS (of the NEW-YORK SACRED SOCIETY), with full Orchestra, on FRIDAY EVENING, May 15th, at Minerva Association Rooms.—Those who attended the last performance can have their "Public Rehearsal" tickets exchanged by applying at the rooms of the Society (Dodworth's) on Monday evening next. The attendance of all the performing members is particularly requested on Monday, it being the rehearsal for Concert of the Christian Association of Brooklyn on Tuesday.

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KARMEL THE SCOUT.
Karmel.....Mr. J. R. Allen; Rosalie.....Miss Hathaway.
To be followed by the comic pantomime of the
MAGIC BARREL.
Harlequin....Miss Hathaway; Pierot.....Mr. G. L. Fox.
The whole to conclude with the drama of
RORY O'MORE.

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Grand Revival of the beautiful Fairy operatic romance, so well known, and popular, as CINDERELLA, as was Lucia Grace Sutherland, produced with music, new scenery, magic illusions, tricks, and scenic effects, daily during the week. FREE ADMISSION, at 10, and also EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, with the whole strength of the company. The living serpents, happy family, etc. Admission 25 cents; Children under ten years, 12½.

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THE BALL SEASON.—GRAND BALL ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS, every Wednesday and Saturday, at Mlle. CAROLINE VELIER'S Dancing Academy, No. 31 Howard-st. The Ball will open at 8 o'clock and close at 12 o'clock. Tickets 50 cents. School for practice every other day at 7 o'clock, (evening.)

PHILANTHROPIC NOVELTY.—THE SEVEN Minstrel Slaves have arrived from Alabama, and will sing, at the Broadway Tabernacle, on WEDNESDAY, April

New-York Daily Times.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Advices from Europe, of three days' later date, are received by the steamship *America*, whose arrival at Halifax we announce in another part of this morning's paper. The news is not important. In Great Britain and Ireland the elections were almost over, and though the majority for Ministers is large and decisive, the precise strength of each party, owing to the great influx of new members, will not be known until a test vote has been taken. According to the London *Post*, organ of Lord Palmerston, there were 338 Liberals returned; 74 Liberal Conservatives, and 206 Conservatives proper. The British screw steamship *Agamemnon*, 90 guns, and of 5,000 tons, is to be employed to lay down the Atlantic telegraph cable, in conjunction with the *Niagara*. It is expected that the entire cable will be completed in June, and will be laid in July. The news from the Continent of Europe presents no feature worthy of special comment. It is alleged that Spain has expectations of receiving both moral and material support from France and England in the projected war with Mexico, but we doubt the statement.

The panic in St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Minnesota, arising from the rumors of a general rising of the Indians at the North, has subsided. The Superintendents of Indian Affairs announce in letters to the papers of the territory, that the payment of the moneys due the Indians will settle all the difficulties, and that the force detailed for the protection of life and property is not needed. The reported massacre of settlers in Northern Minnesota is now said to have been confounded with that which has passed in Iowa some time since.

Another horrible wife-murder occurred recently, near Stockbridge, Putnam County, a brief account of which we publish this morning. ALBERT MULLINIX, who had been married but three weeks, killed his wife by striking her upon the head, twice with a shovel and once with an axe. No cause is assigned.

The large store of E. WEIDENDER, at Jefferson, in the town of Callicoon, Sullivan County, was destroyed by fire on Monday night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, with nearly all its contents—there being but about $600 worth of goods saved. The loss is unknown.

The inhabitants of Ulster County experienced a most extraordinary storm on Monday and Tuesday. Snow fell there to the depth of two feet, and all the roads on the western border of the County are traversed with sleighs. The cold was also intense. No April storm was ever known to be so severe in Ulster County.

The official returns of the Gubernatorial election in Connecticut show the following vote: HOLLEY (Union) 31,792; INGRAM, 31,156. HOLLEY's plurality, 646.

The argument on the motion of Mayor WOOD for an injunction against the newly-appointed Police Commissioners, was resumed yesterday evening, at 4 o'clock, before Judge DAVIES, and concluded at twenty minutes to 10. Mr. FIELD addressed the Court in opposition to the motion, and was followed by Mr. O'CONOR for the Mayor, in reply. The Judge intimated that he would modify the terms of the injunction so far as to except the action of the Commissioners outside New-York County, provided such action did not interfere with the property or Police Department of New-York City, as at present constituted. The Counsel meet again to-day at 10 o'clock A. M., to settle the terms of the modification.

The Alderman's Committee on the Landing Places of the Sound and North River steamboats, met last night, pursuant to adjournment. Owners or agents of the boats had been notified to attend, but none were present. Mr. HENRY BERGH, owning property fronting the North River, informally advocated the removal of the landing places, contending that as business was rapidly moving up town, the landing facilities of these important lines should no longer be confined to the "lower angle" of the City. The Committee will meet again on Thursday next, at 2 o'clock P. M., when, if remonstrances fail to appear, the hearing in favor of removal will be continued.

The Board of Councilmen voted last night to raise the salary of the Mayor to $5,000, of the City Inspector to $5,000, of the Croton Aqueduct Engineer to $5,000, of the Croton Department Resident and his Assistant to $3,000, of the Street Commissioner to $5,000, *dating from Jan. 1, 1856*, and of the Assistant to $2,500. The consideration of the Ordinance to reorganize the Street Department was made the special order of Monday next.

The steam frigate *Niagara*, after two days' absence, came to off the Light-Ship yesterday, and put on board a tug from the City some half-dozen persons who went out to witness her trip of trial. She proves to be a perfect success, fleet, manageable, and a beauty everyway. Nine o'clock she had headed for Greenwich, to get her share of the inter-oceanic telegraphic cable.

In the Court of Sessions, yesterday, nothing was done, and yet considerable business was transacted. The negro DORSEY's trial, for murder, was postponed till to-day; so was MILLER's, charged with murdering his wife; so was WOGAN's, for arson; so was Alderman WILSON's, and Alderman MCCONNELL's, and PATRICK CALLAGHAN's and JOHN E. ERNBRIT's, and THOMAS HOLLAND's, and several others, for riots, assaults and batteries on election day. Everything went over till May, and the April jury were dismissed.

The schooner *Merchant* was arrested, yesterday, by the United States Marshal, while passing out to sea, on suspicion that she was intended for the slave trade. There appears to have been considerable ground for the suspicion. Besides the schooner, her captain and crew, and the steamtug *John Sylvester* and crew, who took out men for her to the Hook, were all arrested, and the men locked up for examination.

One of the patent street-sweepers was tried yesterday afternoon in Wall street, where it worked well. Meanwhile, the streets are dirty enough to require the services of a dozen machines, and more men and carts than seven to be at the command of the Commissioners.

The testimony in the French Railroad Bonds case was concluded yesterday before United States Commissioner BETTS. Counsel will sum up to-day.

The case of the officers of the ship Cohinoor ar-

rested on a charge of cruel treatment to their sailors, was to have been heard yesterday, but it was postponed.

The Grand Spiritual Concert was a success, last night, though it was announced that the musicians who promised would not assist in the concert, because they sang in the churches, and did not feel at liberty to sing staves of Spiritualistic origin. Mr. PERKINS played the violin, on one occasion; his instrument was one constructed under the direction of a spirit which once quickened the flesh of a distinguished fiddle-maker. It behaved well under Mr. PERKINS' bow. Academy Hall was full, and the audience in excellent temper. Miss HARDINGE's Address on Music was beautifully declaimed. Altogether, the spirits made a good hit with their Concert.

Mr. Cushing's Speech.

We publish in full Hon. CALEB CUSHING's address in acknowledgment of the cordial greeting which welcomed him back to Massachusetts. It is precisely such a performance as all who know anything of him would have expected. It is eloquent, bold in its political speculation and admirably calculated to enlist the sympathy and stir the ambition of the masses who compose the body of Young America. Of course this praise implies that it embodies much that is just and true, for the masses of the people, either in this country or in any other, will not permanently and thoroughly sympathize with any sentiment concerning national growth which contradicts the fundamental principles of justice and good faith.

Mr. CUSHING spoke mainly upon two points—first, in vindication of his own frequent changes of party connection, and secondly, in vindication of the theory of the indefinite expansion and extension of American institutions. He said nothing absolutely new upon either point, but he put into a very forcible and impressive form whatever has hitherto been said on both. In this country, he said, political parties are divided upon such temporary, unimportant and short-lived issues that it is impossible for any man to adhere tenaciously to any one without falling far behind the sentiment of the country, and becoming a bigoted devotee of forms instead of an active, efficient partaker in the work of public progress. Even parties themselves, he says, are constantly shifting their ground,—often changing places with each other, and scarcely ever, for ten years at a time, holding the same position. Under these circumstances he holds himself fully justified in acting upon his best judgment upon each issue as it is presented. Upon the other point Mr. CUSHING enlarges and fortifies *the sentiment he has repeatedly advanced* in his public life, that it is the destiny of the United States to "march, march, march" forward in the work of civilizing and conquering the continent. And he calls upon Massachusetts to abandon the minor and secondary issues on which, hitherto, she has fixed her thoughts and wasted her efforts, and to take the lead in conducting the American Republic to the consummation of its destiny.

Just at present the prospect that Massachusetts will act upon Mr. CUSHING's advice does not seem to be very promising. There is, however, truth enough in what he says of the constant and rapid changes of party to render it far from safe to make any very confident predictions concerning the future.

England and America.

Our faith in post-prandial enthusiasm does not rise into the fervor of fanaticism, and we rarely find ourselves provoked by it, into the mood of that celebrated lady in Miss LESLIE's story, who was always prepared to exchange umbrellas and swear eternal friendship on the smallest hint of congeniality.

We cannot, therefore, persuade ourselves that the affectionate ebullitions of international sympathy and good-will which mingled in genial uproar with the agreeable popping of champagne corks, and the inspiriting strains of the "Roast Beef of Old England," at the dinner of the St. George's Society in this City, on Thursday evening, do really announce the arrival of an era of absolute good feeling and generous mutual intelligence between the two greatest commercial nations of the globe.

For many causes are still at work, and will long continue to be at work, to darken the atmosphere between ourselves and our transatlantic kinsmen; and those who most sincerely deplore this fact, and most earnestly desire that it may cease to be a fact, should be the last people in the world to ignore its existence.

The effects of the mediæval system of international intercourse are still more plainly discernible, even in the temper and the character of the nations which have most nearly emancipated themselves from that system. No very considerable portion of the people either of England or of America have yet attained a conviction that the honesty, justice, and simplicity which form the truest and safest ground of action in the private dealings of man with man, are also the surest and strongest weapons of diplomacy in the affairs of nation with nation. Still smaller is the number of those, in either country, who are ready to believe that the Governments of England and America are prepared to do so much as to attempt to inaugurate a fair and honorable policy in their mutual relations. There is no journal to be found, on either side of the water, so weak and worthless, that, when it prognosticates disputes and difficulties between the two nations, or denounces some new outrage of "British aggression and perfidy," or some new invention of "*American duplicity*," *it will not find almost* as many believers as it finds readers. Nor do journals which are neither weak nor worthless disdain to make use of the ignorance, the prejudices, and the "little faith," of either nation, when they wish to produce an impression, or to excite a sensation.

So long as any vestige of the old internecine spirit survives in the passionate popular heart of England and America, that spirit, we may be sure, will continue to be a basis of political speculation to adventurers and intriguers of every grade. Kindred with this great difficulty is another hardly less vexatious, and hardly less influential. The science of political economy, which has not by any means attained perfection in England, is still in its infancy among ourselves. Its most simple and fundamental propositions are still to be debated, and a knowledge of them is still to be diffused, not among the bulk of the people alone, but among the controlling minds of the country, among the journalists and the statesmen who amuse themselves with planning our Future for us, as well as among the industrial millions who are really preparing it.

If nothing worse than bugbears and blundering, however, were in the way of a frank and sensible mutual understanding between England and America, the "more than cordiality, the coöperation" in all great national purposes which Lord NAPIER announced to be the desire of his heart and the aim of his diplomacy, might be a less impossible dream than it now is.

But in the very constitution of our Republic, or rather in the actual political condition of the confederacy, a mischief lurks to nullify the force of all the natural and wholesome ties which should draw even more closely together the interests and the sympathies of England and America. So long as a considerable section of the Union shall cling to its present insane and anti progressive policy—so long as the Institution of Slavery shall be the darling and the delight of fifteen American States—so long will it be simply absurd to attempt to establish a positively hearty and honest system of relations between Great Britain and the United States.

For upon what must such a system rest? Absolutely on a community of convictions and a similarity of aims. Now by "entangling alliances," nor by "written engagements" of any sort, can a real and effective alliance of nations be established, but only, as Lord NAPIER most truly and eloquently said in his speech on Thursday night, by a positive sympathy of the national heart of each people with the other, in the objects of the national pursuit and the tendencies of the national life. England and America must find their real union and the sure ground of an honorable "coöperation" in the direction of liberal and enlightened progress. Just in proportion to the development of just and reasonable ideas of society and of government in Great Britain, has been the advance in Great Britain of intelligent good feeling toward America; and nothing can arrest this advance but a reactionary movement in the English mind or in the mind of America towards illiberal, unjust and unreasonable notions of human rights and of the constitution of society. Now we only speak the truth, which every observing man has gathered from the events of the last few years, when we say that there is vastly more danger of such a reactionary movement on our side of the Atlantic than on the other. It is this danger which constitutes the vital interest of our politics at the present moment; and it is this danger chiefly, which makes us as slow to respond to the anticipations as we are swift to indorse the aspirations of Lord NAPIER's manly and sensible speech at the St. George's dinner. We believe that Lord NAPIER, *on that occasion*, truly represented the sentiments of the educated and influential classes of English society; that the disposition of the English Government, and of Englishmen generally, toward this country, is not only friendly and just, but sincerely cordial and hearty.

But we know, and Lord NAPIER knows, and all intelligent people both in England and in the Free States of America know, that the attitude recently assumed by the friends of the un-American, undemocratic and retrogressive institution of Slavery is utterly repulsive to all the instincts which tend to bring the two countries into harmony; and it is idle to talk of either cordiality or coöperation in any available form or degree between us, until the regular course of our progress shall have been resumed, the obstinate absurdity of the fanatics of Slavery rebuked by us as contemptuously as the idiocies and bigotries of old Toryism have been rebuked by our cousins over the sea, and the discomfortable company of the Toombses, and the Keitts, the Atchisons, and the Masons consigned to the same "dark pool of despondency" in which the whole top-booted, hard-drinking, corn growing generation of the "country members" have been laid to rest forever.

The Transatlantic Telegraph.

Since the subsidence of the Nicaragua fever, the Atlantic Ocean Telegraph seems to have become the topic of the day, and with more justice, as the operations of the submarine wire will give a stronger and healthier impulse to commerce and industry than the greatest possible successes of fillibusterism. Lord NAPIER, in his speech at the St. George's dinner, intimates the possibility of a time when resident diplomatic representation between Great Britain and America will become unnecessary. We are inclined to believe that the first message sent by the submarine cable from St. James to Washington will be the consummation prophesied by Lord NAPIER. His Lordship intimates that the cable is the only "entangling alliance" in which he wishes to involve the two nations. He does not say, however, that in future the Bulwers, the Cramptons and the Naplers will be replaced by the telegraph, and that lengthy protocols may in future be set aside by telegraphic signals, few and forcible. For example, Lord PALMERSTON hears that Mr. BUCHANAN *is getting angry with* him. He telegraphs before breakfast across the Atlantic:

President BUCHANAN—*Sir*:—What is the matter? With distinguished consideration, &c., yours,
PALMERSTON.

President BUCHANAN in reply:

SIR:—Nothing. What are you doing at Greytown? With distinguished consideration, &c.,
JAMES BUCHANAN.

PALMERSTON in answer:

Nothing. Only keeping a few ships there, because we don't know where else to send them. With assurances, &c.,
PALMERSTON.

There is a saving of £10,000 and four months' time in five minutes, at a cost of one or two hundred dollars. It may be necessary, for a few years, to keep up a formal representation, and to write diplomatic letters in order to maintain the dignity of the cloth and the "honor" of the two nations; but these letters will never be read, and certainly not published in the newspapers unless well paid for; the real business will be transacted in a few minutes by the clerk of the wire.

Take another instance. Vast sums of money change hands in England and America upon the receipt of news by steamer of a rise or fall in the prices of cotton or breadstuffs. These sudden changes and fluctuations do incalculable injury to the regular industry and business of the community. New-York is to England very much what San Francisco is to New-York—the distance, times and uncertainty of advices, make a safe and regular commerce almost impossible, even with all the appliances and saving of steam navigation. Place the telegraph wire at the disposal of the Press; let the prices in Liverpool and New-York be exchanged every morning between the two Continents; immense speculative operations will be broken up, and the surface of the market no longer suffered to rise in floods of artificial prosperity, followed by the ebb of ruinous depression. These violent fluctuations in the human soul (for it is there, and not in the material world they take place) destroy that stability and rectitude of principle and idea—bear witness California—which is the foundation of national and commercial prosperity.

When we consider the magnitude and variety of our relations with Great Britain, and with Europe generally, it would appear as though a hundred distinct telegraphic wires, working night and day without intermission, would be required to complete a full connection. The business of a *single* manufacturing county in New England is oftentimes enough to keep a wire profitably employed. What then may be expected from an intercourse by wire between the Eastern and Western hemispheres? New-York will enjoy all the commercial advantages of a spiritual presence in London, with a material remoteness preventing the possibility of political and personal entanglements. This is a kind of "spiritual communication" quite as wonderful and unaccountable as the pretended "revelations" of spirits. If "spirits" were able to communicate with us, they have nothing to *sell*, (except devotees,) no consols, silks, broadcloth or liquors; the only kind of wool they deal in is that which is pulled over the eyes;—but the "spirits" in London, Liverpool, Havre and Hamburg, though invisible to us, are very useful and agreeable spirits, and their communications in regard to "drafts at sight," "breadstuffs" and the "price of cotton" may be attended to with profit.

Seriously speaking, the Oceanic Telegraph is certainly the most spiritual invention of the century, and if successful, appears likely to work changes of a remarkable character in the social relations of the great community of nations. England will be brought very near to us, but the difference of a few minutes gives all Europe the benefit of an equal proximity. From Sebastopol to St. Petersburg, by telegraph; thence to Berlin, Paris, London, New-York; in six hours we shall receive a message from the Crimea! A Boston and Philadelphia Company have undertaken to raise the Russian ships-of-war sunk in the harbor of Sebastopol. They sailed from New-York a few days ago, with their diving and pneumatic machinery. Perhaps they will be able to communicate and receive advices from Boston by the submarine telegraph!

A vessel from New-York, the moment she touches at Liverpool, receives on board a telegraph message from the owners and shippers, giving instructions in regard to the disposition of the cargo as if they were personally present. They have the prices of the hour!—they are no longer dependent upon consignees. The same will happen for French, German and British cargoes at New-York. Sight drafts will disappear between America and London; the telegraph will send news of the sailing of the vessel bearing the drafts, and every bill have virtually *ten days' grace*. This alone must serve to equalize the money market.

The facilities offered by the telegraph will not, however, tend to lessen the number of postal communications. Its effect will be rather to increase them. Almost every message will imply that papers have been sent or letters written. A message by the wire will be the yea or no which includes a previous correspondence. These slight and subtle considerations, mere questions of time, convenience and a good understanding, must do more toward augmenting and extending the trade between Europe and America than any conceivable treaties or diplomatic arrangements.

Nothing in our times has served more completely to illustrate the shallowness and falsity of modern diplomacy, even in the hands of able men, than what has been called the "Central American Imbroglio." Had the Submarine Telegraph been laid five years ago between America and England, what a world of folly, what frightful displays of Senatorial and Parliamentary ignorance, what floods of patriotic, Anti-British nonsense in the daily press, what embittering of national sentiment—might have been saved by the exchange of a few brief and pithy messages under the bellies of the deep-sea fish!

Our Military Parades.

The grand parade of the target companies on Thursday, though ludicrous under many aspects, was, we think, very useful as showing what they might be made under proper management. Twelve thousand men, most of them average shots, all in comfortable circumstances, and in possession of some education, and of a certain amount of *esprit de corps*, are certainly the raw material of an excellent body of troops. But no one who saw them defile along Broadway can have escaped a pang, let it be ever so short, at the lamentable *proofs afforded by their dress and style of* marching, of the woeful mistake they make regarding their true capabilities and real value.

Will all enthusiastic targeteers and firemen be good enough to feel assured, once for all, that ball practice on an occasional holiday drill, for a day or two in the year, feathers, tinsel, and miserable attempts to keep step, will never make them worth two cents a day as troops to act in masses? Their stiff bearing, their "lock step," their shouldered arms, and enormous bands of music, their beplumed and embroidered "staff," are all so many weak imitations of something they cannot be anyhow. Good, or even middling heavy infantry to form in a line of battle, they never will be. But excellent riflemen and skirmishers they may become if they like; and if it can be only knocked into their heads in some way that skirmishers are every year playing a more important part in warfare, that the improvements which are being made in artillery and projectiles of all sorts, renders it likely that in a short time close formations will be no longer possible, and that battles will be decided by sharpshooters *en tirailleur*, that America is the country of all others in the world, where manœuvres *en masse* would be most difficult, and bush-fighting most effective, and that patriotic volunteers can in no way show themselves so patriotic as in becoming smart skirmishers;—As soon as this desirable change takes place in the opinions of our martial youth, parades like that of yesterday will never take place. The unhappy "staff" who seemed so uncomfortable on their wretched jades, with the infantry swords hooked up under their arms; some in boots long enough for FREDERICK the Great, and some in trowsers too short for Smike, with uniforms of as many patterns as bonnet-bazooks fresh from the plunder of the state, will disappear from the scene. We shall no longer have the traffic in Broadway interrupted by the slow and painful defile of a series of awkward squads, each headed by a band as big as itself, and making the day hideous by a thousand discordant strains.

Instead of these absurdities and nonfooleries, more worthy of boys of ten than grown men, we would strongly recommend the leaders in this most meritorious, but most ill-directed movement, to encourage target practice amongst the different companies by all means in their power. It is a useful and healthy pastime. Let the companies be organized in regiments, brigades and divisions, and parade some place in the country half a dozen times a year, the rougher the ground the better. Let all adopt a loose, dark, serviceable dress, suitable for riflemen, and discard totally all attempts to imitate the stiff and startled gait and habiliments of troops of the line. There could be no better costume, as far as make is concerned, than that of the French Zouaves, having the fez cap, and instead of that, we would recommend the hat of the Sardinian "bersaglieri." Let them march invariably in open order, at the *pas accéléré*, without any attempt at keeping step, and with arms at the trail. Let them learn, in short, thoroughly the leading features in the drill of the French Chasseurs de Vincennes—learn to advance across country in a skirmishing line, keeping their distances and obedient to the trumpet call—to take advantage of inequalities on the ground, of bushes, hedges, stumps and stones; to load while lying flat, to dig rifle-pits and lie close in them, to push on under the fire of artillery, and dodge round-shot; to do well the work of an arm of the service which, in a war in this country, is precisely that arm which an enemy would have most reason to dread. Nothing could be more healthful and invigorating than exercise like this. No sort of drill is so easy to learn, and less irksome, and in no way could these 12,000 young men, who made such a sad exhibition of themselves on Thursday, render such good service to the State. As good chasseurs, used to the country, inured to long marches and tolerably good marksmen, such a force as this would render the advance of 40,000 of the best disciplined troops in Europe impossible in any part of the State of New-York. As they are, we cannot help feeling that a strong battalion of Zouaves would eat them up in half an hour. If they tell us that they don't pretend to be real soldiers, we reply that we know of no more stupid and childish occupation *for adults than playing at soldiers*.

THE CORONER RELIEVED.—One result of the inquest now pending into the conduct of Coroner CONNERY, has been to share the odium of some of the worst of his acts with other parties. The testimony published in the TIMES of yesterday shows that, in regard to the indecent treatment of Mrs. CUNNINGHAM, the Coroner was less to blame than some others. It was perfectly proper, and indeed necessary, that, under the circumstances of the case, some examination should be made, as it might reveal traces of the personal participation which Mrs. C. was at first supposed to have taken in the murder of Dr. BURDELL. But precedent, common sense, and common decency, required that such an examination should have been made by ladies—instead of which Coroner CONNERY committed the task to his son JOHN, a Police Officer, and Dr. WOODWARD. This of itself was sufficiently outrageous. But for the manner in which the duty was performed the Coroner does not seem to have been responsible. The credit and honor of that belong exclusively to Dr. WOODWARD, who seems to have supposed the fact of his being a physician a sufficient excuse for the widest departure from common decorum, and the most flagrant disregard of delicacy. Whether his brethren of the medical profession share this opinion, may, we hope, be doubted.

A FREE-SOIL PAPER IN TEXAS.—The Galveston *News* is very severe in its denunciation of the Quitman *Free Press*, a newspaper published in Wood county, for its "open and bitter hostility to Southern institutions." It professes to support the Southern Democracy, and still ventures to believe, and what is still more important to say, that the interests of Texas would be greatly promoted by substituting free for slave labor. And to render the case still more alarming, the *News* says that the Democracy of Wood county have elected the editor of this same anti-Slavery paper to represent them in State Convention. The *News* is candid enough to concede that "if the people of that section of the State, or any large number of them, desire to rid themselves of the institution of negro slavery, we suppose they have perfect right to do so in a legitimate and constitutional manner." This is a stretch of common sense which has not been attained in many of the Southern States. The time will come, however, when the question will be canvassed as preëminently one of *home* interest.

Tall Oaks and Little Acorns.

We meet—we had almost said daily—long-faced, discouraged, broken-down merchants and business men, who, in attempting to grow fast from little acorns to tall oaks, have embarked in speculations in land, breadstuffs, stocks, bonds, coal mines, ships, or in some hocus-pocus, puff ball of a stone-dressing (or *cheating*) machine, by the gains of which they have had dreams and visions of a palace on Fifth-avenue, and other "fixins" to match. With open eyes the game has been played, but the result has been bankruptcy and utter ruin. Starvation now stares them in the face; their former good health, perhaps, has failed them; their family must be scattered; and the *future is the very blackness of darkness*.

The above is from the *Independent*. And yet, when the TIMES exposes the machinery by which "merchants and business men" are entrapped into these bogus speculations,—the *Independent* protests with great show of dignity, against the discourtesy and incivility which such a style of journalism indicates! It evidently believes in preaching against sin in the general,—and avoiding utterly the undignified style of pointing out individual evil for the purpose of warning the public against it.

Another Horrible Wife-Murder.

A young woman, the wife of ALBERT MULLINIX, living near Manhattan, Putnam Co., was recently found mangled in a most shocking manner, under circumstances which left no doubt that she had been most foully dealt with by her husband. The facts are these: MULLINIX rose, in the morning, to his father's house, and told him somebody had killed his wife while he was gone to feed his horse in the stable. He told others that his wife fell on the stove. Those who went to the house found that the woman's skull was broken, and she had received three blows, one with a shovel and two with an axe. She was breathing, but senseless, when first seen by the neighbors, and lived only about two hours. The breakfast table was standing with the victuals upon it, and the biscuits were still warm, therefore the murder had been committed but a short time. The parties had been married but three weeks.

SEIZURE OF A SUSPECTED SLAVER.

The Arrest of her Crew Attempted.

The Steamer "Sam John Strickland," libelled and her Crew arrested—Attempt of Resistance in a New Connecticut.

OTHER NEW-YORK SLAVERS.

On Thursday the schooner *Merchant* was seized while on her way out of the harbor, and detained on suspicion that she was intended for the slave trade. She is a fast sailing Baltimore built schooner, formerly in the coastwise trade between New-York and Richmond, and lately fitting out, at Pier No. 63, on the pretense that she was bound for Cuba.

The *Merchant* is one of several vessels now in port that have excited the curiosity, and caused some anxiety in the minds of the U. S. District-Attorney and Marshal Rynders for several days past. The general belief that there has been for some time a large number of vessels fitted out for the slave trade in this port, which the United States officers have been able to detect, put a keen edge upon the wits of our new Marshal, who determined to mark his inauguration into his office by no brilliant achievement, whenever a genuine opportunity should offer. The *Merchant* was suspected, and the Marshal first satisfied himself that there was good ground for suspicion, and then made arrangements to prevent her getting away. Taking his brother, with some of his Deputies, into his confidence, they stationed themselves in keeping careful watch upon the movements of the suspected vessel. It was suspected that she would attempt to get under way on Wednesday night. A steamer had gone up in tow last night, and Capt. Farnum, of the Revenue Cutter, was in waiting in the harbor, and up went Marshal Rynders to take an eye on her, and if necessary give directions for her detention. He was disguised, appearing on the dock in the character of a countryman—a difficult role for him to play, as one would have supposed—but he succeeded. In fact, as the theatrical and unusual office may be made a decided hit. The crew of one of the vessels near by were perfectly delighted with the "greenness" and the fat second lieutenant, who held the position of cook, came very near having a fit of apoplexy, so great was his merriment at the refreshing innocence of our countryman. To play his part well, and at the same time get the information he wished, he found it necessary to be looking anxiously for a brother who was employed upon a steamboat that stopped somewhere in New-York. Going along side a vessel that lay near the *Merchant*, he inquired of them on board if there was a steamboat anywhere around.

A man on board, whom the Marshal believed was stevedore, answered that there had been one there a little while before, but that it had gone away, and concluded by asking Countryman what he wanted with a steamer?

He said he had a brother on one and he wanted to find him.

STEVEDORE—Do you know the name of the steamer?

COUNTRYMAN—No; but I know she stops somewhere here in New-York.

The stevedore laughed, and several of the crew—the colored cook included—did the same. They were sure they had a countryman of the genuine unsophisticated character, so they asked him to get on board.

Our countryman demurred. They might carry him away out to sea, and then he wouldn't find his brother.

They assured him they would not, and, finally, after several well-imagined feeble attempts he succeeded the side of the ship, but, although they invited him to go below, he would remain outside the guard, ready to jump off, should they attempt to carry him out to sea. He had heard enough of the tricks of New-Yorkers upon countrymen, and he did not intend they should "fool" him. Finally, however, he was induced to go forward, where they showed him the anchor and told him it was. The countryman appeared to receive some idea of what it was, but he had never seen one so large, and could not understand how they could get it up after once letting it down. They inquired "Where he was raised?" He told them "About two hundred miles North—above Albany, a good ways." He had come down to see his brother, who was employed on a steamboat, and he had been on board of more than twenty that day without finding him. He was bound to find him—"darned if he wn't," if he had to look a week, because he must go back home in the morning. The ship's crew winked to each other, and the colored man roared. The countryman was mightily amused at the sight of so many ships, and was curious to know where they were all going to. They told him some wonderful stories about many of the ships, the height of waves during a storm, and all about whales and porpoises, and sharks. At length they came to the object of the countryman's affections. They pointed out the little schooner, and told him she was a "Blackbird." The countryman wanted to know if they caught blackbirds in her. They laughed again. The colored brother put down his mangrove and roared again. They asked him if he didn't know what a blackbird was. He thought he did. He had caught more than one. But what do you mean by calling that little vessel a blackbird? asked the countryman.

STEVEDORE—Why she's going to Africa after niggers.

COUNTRYMAN—What! she go to Africa! She ain't big enough.

STEVEDORE—Just the kind for that job.

COUNTRYMAN—Why she couldn't carry near a hundred or three.

STEVEDORE—Oh, yes she could. She could carry three hundred.

COUNTRYMAN—What! Why they'd starve. They couldn't get anything to eat.

STEVEDORE—They've got the stuff to feed them on board now.

COUNTRYMAN—What do they feed African niggers on?

STEVEDORE—On rice and such things. They've got lots on board now, in boxes and barrels.

COUNTRYMAN—But suppose the niggers didn't want to come and kicked up a row, what then?

STEVEDORE—Oh they've got lots of shackles on board—I saw them taken on board.

COUNTRYMAN—What's shackles?

STEVEDORE—Why handcuffs to put round their wrists and keep them still.

COUNTRYMAN—Oh, yes! when is she going?

STEVEDORE—She was going to-night, but now she isn't going until to-morrow.

The countryman was now anxious to find his brother, and, as they had treated him very kindly, before leaving, he asked them to take a drink. They went off with him for that purpose. But the countryman would not go into the saloon. He would give the money for the drinks, but he wouldn't go in. He had heard about the "gurrotters." They laughed again, went in and smiled, and the countryman departed, and soon afterwards resumed his real character—Marshal RYNDERS. On Thursday morning they were all on the alert, but the *Merchant* was underway before the Marshal could get on board his steamer, the *Satellite*, which was following the *Merchant*, which was in tow of the *George Strickland*. They passed down within fifty yards of the Revenue Cutter, for the purpose of discovering whether they were suspected. Finding all quiet on the cutter, they passed on and when just below the narrows, the tow-boat cast off; and soon afterwards another steamtug, the *John Strickland*, appeared with some Portuguese and Spaniards, who had not ventured to board the schooner at her dock. As the wind was light and they were anxious to get to sea, the *John Strickland* took her in tow as far as the Hook.

All this time the *Satellite* had been in motion, and soon she reached her. Capt. Farnum put some of his men on board the *Merchant*, turned her back, and then gave chase to the *John Strickland*. He soon overtook her, seized and brought her and all on board to the dock, under arrest. When the *John Strickland* was brought alongside the Revenue Cutter, Marshal RYNDERS proceeded to search her. Four Spanish sailors were found secreted. One behind a large trunk and another in the water-tank, in the hold, near the bottom. He had a book with him on which were the names of several vessels suspected of being slavers. The *Merchant* had on board a large quantity of rice, extra casks, corn meal, hatchets and a good stock of what is necessary to a slaver. The Commander, Capt. Swan, was not on board. A Mr. Jones was in command. Both the *John Strickland* and the *Merchant* were put under the surveillance of the Revenue Cutter. Mr. Jones and his men, and the crew of the steamtug were taken to the Marshal's Office, and from there locked up for examination. A hearing will probably be postponed before U. S. Commissioner BETTS.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Contract for Carrying the Mail across the Isthmus of Panama—The Tehuantepec Turnpike—The New-Granada Difficulty—Hon. McCulloch as Governor of Utah, &c.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 24.

A contract has been made with the Panama Railroad Company for the conveyance of the mail across the Isthmus of Panama, at $100,000 a year. This is a reduction of the former rate.

Two sets of Directors of the Sloo Tehuantepec Company have been appointed, and will complete the road to its destination.

LEONARD WRAY has taken his seeds of the Imphee, a variety of the Sorghum, to South Carolina, where they are to be extensively tried.

There was no Cabinet meeting to-day.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 23.

The Government, without making very hostile demonstration upon New Granada, will simply keep it quiet and prevent either its authorities or citizens from doing mischief to themselves or to American interests. The best guarantee for the security of passengers and property on the Isthmus is the presence of an American force. When the Granadians shall be really bent on breaking up the road, it will be time enough to place a line of posts and troops thereon, and to send the mail and passengers accompanied by a guard of marines. But evidence is wanting that the intents of the Panama people are so wicked as has been represented. President PIERCE expected an outbreak, and prepared against it by sending down a naval force some eight or ten months ago. The truth is that there is very little reason to expect any outrage from the people; nor is it so clear, as we have been led to believe by Mr. CORWIN's report, that the Panama riot of the 15th April, 1856, was wholly unprovoked by the Americans. It is now some years since the transit was opened, and there had never arisen any trouble with the natives until the unfortunate day above-named, though the road is exposed to their mercy.

The Attorney-General, as it appears, took the Cusick and Ramsay claim out of the hands of the First Comptroller, Mr. WHITTLESEY. Mr. WHITTLESEY had it under consideration, and had required the attorney of the claimants, JOSEPH WILLIAMS, formerly of Tennessee, to produce his vouchers or proofs of the expenditure and the loss of the claimants, in that enterprise. No statement ever had been made out, by the attorney, of loss and damages, by reason of the violation of the contract, when the Attorney-General requested the Comptroller not to proceed further in the case until he should examine it.

There is a radical difference between the two officers as to the principle which controls the case. Mr. WHITTLESEY considered that as the contract was to be valid if approved by Congress, the act of Congress providing for the relief of the parties was an approval of it, and established its validity. The Attorney-General, on the other hand, assumes that there was no valid contract, because Congress had not approved it. Mr. WHITTLESEY, if he drops the case, will do it upon the ground that the claimants can show no actual expenditures or losses in preparing to perform the contract.

Generally, the present Administration will be as obdurate against private claimants as the last. Mr. THOMPSON, of Indiana, was lucky to get through as early and as soon as he did. But his was a strong one, and admitted of little dispute. Mr. GUTHRIE was willing to pay his claim, as is said here, but it was President PIERCE who prevented it. Mr. HERRICK was mistaken in his statement that Mr. THOMPSON's suit against Mr. GUTHRIE was thrown out of Court. Mr. THOMPSON's counsel, Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON, took special exception to this allegation.

So trifling and feeble is the opposition to the Administration from every quarter that a charge of corruption against it is a perfect God-send to the hundreds of Administration organs and defenders, many of whom have not yet got their share in the spoils, while others have yet to win their way to favor. A dozen Herricks a day would hardly suffice their greedy appetite for such scandal as will enable them to show their devotion to the Administration. X. Y. Z.

[FROM OUR REGULAR TELEGRAPHIC REPORTER.]

WASHINGTON, Friday, April 24.

The Governorship of Utah has been tendered Major BEN MCCULLOCH, and it is believed that he will accept the appointment. A letter is now on its way to him requesting his presence in Washington.

The design of the Administration is to pursue a peaceful policy toward Utah, in order that the laws may be executed, and the rights of every inhabitant in the Territory protected without recourse to arms.

The Postmaster-General has concluded a contract with the Panama Railroad Co. to convey the mails across the Isthmus until the expiration of the present contracts with the Steamship Companies two years hence. The rate is $100,000 per annum.

The Departments have acted in nearly all cases where the commissions of federal officers have expired.

Although the rotation principle is not intended to be applied to the minor offices, and removals are to be made only for cause—as so declared—the Departments continue to be overwhelmed with applications—the Post-Office especially. At this time 500 letters, at least, a week, with documents inclosed, are received, soliciting appointments.

The charges against Mr. IZARD, Governor of Nebraska, having been withdrawn, he will be removed on the ground of public expediency. It is probable that his successor will be chosen from a non-slave-holding State.

The President was serenaded by the Marine Band last night, on the occasion of the Sixty-sixth anniversary of his birthday.

Hon. JOHN G. MONTGOMERY, Congressman elect from the Twelfth District, Pennsylvania, died this morning at Danville, Penn., from the National-Hotel disease, contracted during the Inauguration at Washington.

News from Havana.

ADVANCE IN SUGARS—BARK WARNER ABANDONED, ETC.

NEW ORLEANS, Friday, April 24.

The steamship *Cahawba* has arrived here with Havana dates to the 20th instant. She reports encountering a heavy westerly gale on the 13th, and *falling in with the bark Warner, from New-York, off* Hatteras, on the morning of the 15th, entirely abandoned. Sent her in charge of a mate to Norfolk.

The stock of Sugar at Havana and Matanzas was 242,000 boxes. The market was unsettled, but prices had advanced one real.

The *Saratoga* left Havana on the 19th instant for Key West. The officers and crew were all well.

Col. OXNARD, the late defaulting Exchange Broker of this city, was ordered by the Captain General to leave the Island, and a package of $12,000 had been taken from him.

The Trans-Atlantic Telegraph Company.

HALIFAX, Friday, April 24.

The Provincial Parliament has just passed a bill which concedes to the Atlantic Telegraph Company the exclusive right for fifty years, to land upon the shores of this Province submarine telegraph cables. We understand that bills of similar import have also passed the Legislatures of New-Brunswick and Maine.

Among the passengers by the America, from Liverpool, last evening, was CYRUS W. FIELD, Esq., of New-York, the energetic general manager of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, who returns after a brief visit to Europe, fully restored to health.

Burning of a Work-shop of the Maryland Penitentiary.

BALTIMORE, Friday, April 24.

A fire in the Maryland Penitentiary last night destroyed one of the workshops, and a quantity of machinery. The loss is about $20,000. None of the prisoners escaped, though it was evidently planned by some of them with that view.

The Parade.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In your report of the Independent Parade of the Citizen Volunteers, on yesterday's TIMES, your reporter was wrong in saying that the right of the line was the Frontier Guard. The right of the line was the First Ward Independent Battalion.

FIRST WARD.

[illegible] in his line, on the American stage, takes his benefit to-night. "The Game of Love" will be produced for the occasion. It is only necessary to mention these two facts.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.—The last, and the best, concert of the season will take place to-night at the Academy of Music. BEETHOVEN's "Heroic Symphony," an Overture by LITOLFF, and a selection from MENDELSSOHN's "Midsummer Night's Dream," are the instrumental features. Miss BEARNES and Mr. H. C. TIMM are the soloists.

Telegraphic Cables Across the North River.

The crossing of the North River has always been amongst the most expensive and serious difficulties in maintaining uninterrupted communication over the wires between this City and Philadelphia, and not less than $50,000 to $75,000 have been expended by the different companies in the erection of masts near Forts Washington and Lee for the purpose of swinging the wires across the river, a distance of about one mile, but all attempts of this kind to keep up a regular communication with the Jersey shore have failed. Within the last year or two the House Company have laid down a substantial submarine cable between Forts Washington and Lee, which has worked very successfully, and we now learn that Mr. HUSS, the obliging and excellent manager of the Magnetic Company's line, has just laid down two large and very fine cables from the foot of Thirteenth-street to the Jersey shore, which is thought to be a much better point for crossing the river than at the Forts, further up. Each of the cables contains three conducting wires, and although very heavy, the cables were laid by Mr. HUSS without difficulty or accident of any kind.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

BAR-ROOM FRACAS—ATTEMPT TO KILL.

On Thursday night a disturbance took place about some beer in the grocery at the corner of Sixty-Fourth-street and Tenth avenue, between Gustave Beaman, the clerk of the place, and one of the customers named Hipner Hipner, was ordered out, but not going at once, Beaman discharged at him a pistol heavily loaded with powder and shot. Twenty six of the shot lodged in Hepner's knee and leg. The wounded man was taken to the Twenty-second Ward Station house where ten of the shot were extracted. Beaman was taken in custody. Hepner's wounds were are not regarded as fatal.

A RIOT.

A crowd of disorderly fellows got into a fight in the Bowery, near Fourth-street, on Thursday while waiting for the target procession. They used stones, knives and clubs, quite freely, but did not do much injury. Capt. Mansfield of the Seventh-Ward Police was soon on the spot and arrested James O'Neil and Francis Burke, two participators in the disturbance who were yesterday held by Justice Brennan.

☞ Lieutenant MAURY, continuing in the *Rural New-Yorker* his remarks on the planting of sun flowers as a preventive of chills and fever in marshy districts, suggests that water-lilies planted in marshes would have a similar beneficial effect.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

SPRING IMPORTATIONS, 1857, AT LAST FALL'S PRICES.

SMITH & LOUNSBERY, NO. 405 BROADWAY, near Grand-st., have now ready for exhibition a large and superior stock of VELVET, TAPESTRY, BRUSSELS, THREE-PLY and INGRAIN CARPETING, imported expressly for this Spring's trade, and until further notice will be sold at LAST FALL'S PRICES.

CARPETINGS.

A very large assortment of the latest styles Now offered for cash At extremely low prices, at ARTHUR DONNELLY'S, No. 90 Bowery, between Grand and Hester sts.

GENTLEMEN'S HATS.

WARNOCK & CO., IN THEIR NEW STORE, NO. 519 Broadway, St. Nicholas Hotel, have opened an array of Gents' Hats, dress and undress, which, for taste, variety and excellence, silences the most fastidious.

Their Spring Pattern Hat is a most decided hit.

TEN REASONS WHY ALL SHOULD USE PROFESSOR WOOD'S Hair Restorative:

1. It will restore gray hair permanently to its original color.
2. It will stop its falling off, and make it thick, if thin.
3. It makes it soft and glossy, by restoring the secretions.
4. It makes it to grow on bald heads.
5. It will preserve the color and keep it from falling, to any age.
6. It will cure all cutaneous eruptions, even scald head
7. It cleans the head of dandruff, and removes all itching.
8. It will cure at once all nervous headache, neuralgia, &c.
9. It will cure all eruptions of the scaly or pimples on the face; neither can exist if the Restorative is applied.
10. More than five hundred thousand can and do testify to the above in all parts of the world, and the sun is no more sure to rise than these effects to follow its use.

Depôt No. 312 Broadway, and sold by all Druggists in the City and country.

OLD DR. BONES' BITTERS AND PILLS ARE an infallible cure for all diseases of the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. All scrofulous complaints soon yield to their mild but positive action. Old Dr. BONES' Bitters and Pills are the only sure cure for dyspepsia, jaundice, fits, palsy, king's evil, St. Vitus's dance, and all nervous diseases and female complaints. For sale by CHAS. H. RING, corner Broadway and John-st.; Mrs. HAYES, No. 175 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, and by all druggists. Dr. BONES' Office and principal depôt, No. 264 Grand-st., New-York, 2d block east of Bowery.

DRESS, THE TYPE OF CIVILIZATION, AND the distinction of social grades, is nowhere more scientifically and tastefully selected and elegantly made than at the Granite Hall Clothing Warehouse, No. 149 Fulton-st. Mr. E. DEGROOT, as an enterprising and successful manufacturer of Gentlemen's Clothing, is well known. His styles are always new and his prices moderate.

SPRING, 1857.

Our new SPRING STYLES OF CLOTHING are now exposed and ready for sale—embracing large and beautiful assortments of SPRING OVERCOATS, RAGLANS, English and French BUSINESS COATS, DRESS and FROCK COATS, &c. Also, very choice and confined styles of CASSIMERE PANTALOONS, FANCY and PLAIN VESTS. Our CUSTOM ROOM is stocked with our LATE IMPORTATIONS OF NEW GOODS, many of which can be found nowhere else. This department, headed by Mr. LYMAN DERBY, is in a position to offer great attractions in the way of stylish garments and goods. Prompt attention given to all orders.

D. DEVLIN & CO., Nos. 256, 259 and 260 Broadway, cor. of Warren-st.

THE RAILWAY KING.

The bargains now offering at DAILEY'S, Nos. 631 and 633 Broadway, would surprise even the "Railway King" notwithstanding the fact that he has already been made aware of what can be accomplished by the energy and perseverance of the New-York merchants. Look at Messrs. D. & CO.'S list, in the Dry-Goods column of this paper.

CHICKERING'S PIANOS.—PURCHASERS, BEfore buying, please call at No. 362 Broadway, and examine some very fine Chickering Pianos. Also, the Horace Waters' Piano, which will be sold very low this week, to make alterations in the store. Melodeons from $35 to $150. Second-hand Pianos from $20 to $125. Pianos and Melodeons to rent. HORACE WATERS, Agent.

EXCELSIOR APPEARS TO BE THE MOTTO of ESPENSCHEID, the Hatter. His Hat for the Spring surpasses all other hats issued this season. For elegance of contour, richness of material and general appearance, they have become very popular. The store is No. 118 Nassau-st., between Ann and Beekmanst.

CRISTADORO'S HAIR DYE, WIGS AND TOUPEES.—To argue in favor of these articles would be folly. The Dye is admitted to be the best in use. Look at the clear browns, the glossy deep blacks it produces, could Nature do better? Impossible. Sold and applied at No. 6 Astor House.

INDIA RUBBER GLOVES ARE VERY USEFUL in all kind of housework; protect the hands against corrosive or dyeing substances, and keep them soft, smooth and white,—particularly useful in gardening and care of flowers. For sale at all Rubber stores and at No. 26 John-st., up stairs.

DEFIANCE SALAMANDER SAFES.—ROBERT M. PATRICK is the sole manufacturer in the United States of the above celebrated Safes and Patent Powder proof Dead-locks and Cross-bars. Depot No. 128 Pearl-st., one door below Maiden-lane.

RICH PAPER HANGINGS FOR THE RETAIL trade—all new styles of recent importations. Work done in the most prompt manner, by THOMAS FAYE & CO., No. 297 Broadway.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—THE LARGEST AND choicest assortment of good boots and shoes in the City is at BROOK'S, No. 278 Broadway and No. 150 Fulton-st. Promenade and Fishing Boots.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

STEADY-MADE CLOTHING, &c.

It has been only a matter of time when that great desideratum in the Clothing business, some one who could produce a ready-made garment that would fit every unprotruding manikin, and then the test and pinchard tools was not always to be looked for in marble halls.

Apply the intervention to the adornment of the outward man, and where, for a series of years, has been realized the discovement that has given relief to the Ready-made clothing business, and by production the most comfortable style fronted a subjection to the old regimen in getting rated, let the community answer and he assured that the position but promises us to more strenuous endeavors in a determination to retain the supremacy heretofore awarded our clothing. W. T. JENNINGS & CO., Clothiers, No. 251 Broadway, Third door above Astor House.

HEATH, WYNKOOP & CO., No. 68 Liberty-st., New-York, PROPRIETORS OF LYON'S KATHAIRON, &c., And manufacturers of PERFUMERY OF ALL KINDS, Invite the attention of the trade to their large and varied stock. In beauty of style, excellence of quality, and cheapness, we are enabled to offer inducements unequalled by any other manufacturers.

M. B. COLLINS & CO. OLD STAND Corner John and Nassau-sts. SPRING CLOTHING

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DRYE—RINGWOOD.—In this City, on Thursday evening, April 23, at the Allen-st. Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Geo. Lucas, Mr. ALFRED D. DRYE, of San Francisco, Cal., to Miss CATHARINE E. RINGWOOD, of this City.

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CHASE—BROWN.—In this City, on Wednesday evening, April 22, by Rev. Morgan Dix, WILLIAM H. CHASE to MARIA E. BROWN, only daughter of the late Isaac Brown, Esq., both of this City.

LOGAN—GILMORE.—In this City, on Thursday, April 23, by Rev. James Harper, Mr. JOHN LOGAN to Miss ANNIE GILMORE, all of this City.

GRAVES—DOONY.—In this City, on Wednesday, April 22, by Rev. Mr. WEBER, THEODORE GRAVES to Miss MAGGIE DOONY, both of this City.

FLY—SLADE.—In this City, on Thursday evening, April 23, by Rev. WM. Adams, D. D., LUCY LORD, eldest daughter of John Slade, to JOHN C. ELY, both of this City.

BROWN—CARTER.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, April 22, by Rev. Abel Stevens, Geo. W. BROWN, of New-York, to ANNIE, daughter of Charles Carter, of Brooklyn.

DOYLE—MESSERVEAU.—At Graniteville, Staten Island, on Thursday, April 23, by Rev. James Brownlee, JOHN EDWARD DOYLE, Esq., of New-York, to GERTRUDE ANNE, eldest daughter of Alfred Messereau, Esq.

KNOX—COGSWELL.—At Vernon, N. Y., on Wednesday, April 22, by Rev. Samuel W. Cogswell, father of the bride, HENRY M. KNOX, of St. Paul, Min., and CHARLOTTE B. COGSWELL, of Vernon.

DIED.

HEDGES.—In this City, on Friday, April 24, FRANK G. HEDGES, son of James E. and Margaret Hedges, aged 1 year, 6 months and 15 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are requested to attend his funeral, from the residence of his parents, in 40th-st., second house east of 8th-av., on Sunday, at 2 o'clock P. M., without further notice.

KUNDUK.—In this City, on Thursday, April 23, DAVID M. KUNDUK, in the 4th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 209 Henry-st., corner of Clinton, to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock, without further invitation.

MARIOTTE.—In this City, on Thursday evening, April 23, of disease of the heart, MARIA FISH, eldest daughter of the late Abner Mariotte.

The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend her funeral, on Sunday, 26th inst., at 2½ o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 25 Lafayette place, West 19th-st., without further notice.

BROWN.—In this City, on Thursday, April 23, at her residence, No. 400 Broome-st., MRS. MARY BROWN, aged 93 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, and of her sons, Rev. Dr. Brown, of Newburg, and the late Benjamin M. Brown, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at St. Paul's Church, on Sunday afternoon, at 2½ o'clock, without further invitation.

VERPLANCK.—In this City, on Friday, April 24, at her residence, in 29th-st., CHARLOTTE DE LANCEY VERPLANCK, in the 65th year of her age.

Her remains will be taken to Rondout, Ulster County, for interment.

PARSELLE.—In this City, on Friday morning, April 24, of pulmonary disease of the heart, JAMES C. PARSELLE, in the 41st year of his age.

His funeral will take place on Sunday, 26th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., at his late residence, No. 606 Houston-st. His friends, and those of the family, are invited to attend, without further notice.

STONY.—On Friday, April 24, FREDERICK, infant son of Wm. H. and Elizabeth Stout, aged 5 months and 25 days.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his father, on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, without further notice.

MORRIS.—In Petersburg, Va., on Sunday, April 19, Mr. J. R. MORRIS, formerly of New-York, aged 27 years.

His funeral took place from the residence of W. V. Mott, Esq., on 23d inst.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY.—SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Board of Directors being desirous of getting in all books belonging to the Association that have been outstanding for a considerable length of time, would urgently request members and all others having such in their possession to return them without delay; and the Board of Directors do hereby order that any fines incurred upon such books will not be enforced in case return is made during the present month. By order. CLINTON HALL, Astor place, April 4, 1857.

NEW-YORK YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting MONDAY, 27th inst., at 7½ P. M. Essay by AUGUSTUS MAVERICK, Esq., Assistant Editor *New-York Times*. Subject—*Christianity, Theoretical and Practical*. EDWARD C. MARSHALL, Recording Secretary.

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William G. Lambert,	James Low,
George C. Collins,	J. W. Frothingham,
Dexter R. Harvey,	Charles A. Hathaway,
Lucius Hopkins,	Cephas H. Hatch,
Thomas Hamburger,	George B. McClellan,
William H. M. Hoe,	Thomas McKnight,
Chas. S. Hinch,	Richard Bentley,
E. Walton Sutt,	Oliver B. Wood,
L. Atterbury, Jr.,	Alfred E. Ronalds,
Lucius D. Coman,	George Bliss,
Benson Morgan,	Ben Leathwood,
Levi P. Stone,	John C. Wright,
James Humphrey,	Lyman Dwight,
Levi P. Morton,	Curtis Hooker,
John B. Hutchinson,	Stephen Pond,
Charles P. Baldwin,	H. Gilbert Ely,
Amos T. Dwight,	Henry A. Hawley,
Jesse Hoyt,	Wm. Sturgis, Jr.,
John S. Ford,	Sydney Mason,
George T. Stedman,	John W. Whitlock,

Cyrus Yale, Jr.

At a meeting of the Directors held this day, J. MORRIS was unanimously authorized to sign the policies, in place of E. WILLIAMS, Vice-President.

J. MILTON SMITH, Secretary.

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New-York, Jan. 31, 1857.

BOSTON, APRIL 20, 1857.—SIR: AN IMPRESSION having got abroad that the large stockholders of the Michigan Central Railroad Company and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company desire to secure an undue share of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad. We shall be obliged by your calling particular attention to the annexed advertisement.

Yours respectfully,
J. W. BROOKS, President M. C. R. R.
J. JOY, President C. B. & Q. R. R.

Notice to stockholders of Michigan Central Railroad Company, and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company.—In order to prevent the possibility of misarriage of circulars sent to Michigan Central, and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy stockholders, notice is hereby given that subscription papers to the stock of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad are placed at the respective offices of those companies at New-York, viz: Michigan Central at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy at the Bank of Commerce, and that all subscriptions of those who are at this date stockholders in said companies (the subscription of one in six Michigan Central, and one in four Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, will be positively required) and that such further subscriptions as the said stockholders may make, subject to the action of the Directors of the Burlington and Missouri Railroad, will not be cut down, nor pro rated, having reference to the quantities of stock held by such parties in the two first named companies.

J. W. BROOKS, a Director.

NOTE.—As it is important that early action should be taken in regard to the work upon the road, the Directors reserve the right to close the period within which subscriptions shall be received from the stockholders of the two Companies named at any time after ten days.

CONTINENTAL BANK, New-York, April 4, 1857.—CAPITAL STOCK $1,500,000, TO BE INCREASED TO $2,000,000.—The Board of Directors of the Continental Bank, in view of its increasing business, and in pursuance of the authority conferred on them by the act of the Legislature, have unanimously decided to increase the capital stock by an issue of 5,000 additional shares, of $100 each, which shall be entitled in all respects to the liquidations, conditions and limitations, laid down in their original and declared with respect to the shares now issued.

The officers of the Bank having been duly authorized by the Board, hereby give notice that in accordance with such decision, and with the said articles, they will open books of subscription, and receive subscriptions, on the 20th day of June next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., at the said Bank in the City of New-York, from all persons who shall appear to be registered on that day on the books of the Bank as shareholders in the said Continental Bank, in the proportion of one new share of the increased capital stock at par, to every three shares of the capital stock of the Bank now held by the shareholders, and not paid at the time of subscribing, will be payable on the 1st day of July next, when certificates will be issued.

Subscriptions for the additional 1,000 shares so shall not be accepted, but the residue, within ten days after the said books of subscription, will be disposed of for the benefit of the Association.

The books will be closed from the 15th day of June to the 6th) sixth day of July, both inclusive.

W. T. HOOKER, President.
B. F. WARNER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD CO., PITTSBURG, Saturday, March 28.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THIS Company has decided to issue a new Stock, in exchange for that of the Ohio and Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Companies, upon the terms, and in the manner, prescribed in the Articles of Consolidation, viz:

Ohio and Pennsylvania, Interest to July 1, 1856, and 20 per cent. premium.

Ohio and Indiana, Interest to July 1, 1856, at par.

Fort Wayne and Chicago, Interest to July 1, 1856, and 10 per cent. premium.

Notice is also given to those of the old Companies, who may have assigned any portion of their stock, previous, or subsequent to the consolidation, (Aug. 1, 1856,) without having had such assignment entered on the books of the old Company, and thereby notifying the certificates for such stock, that the said Company will not recognize the validity of such assigned stock, as the full shares of the Issue of the Consolidated Company have been credited to the original holders of such stock, and will be issued to such holders, in cases where transfers of shares have not been made, or assignments on the old stock made.

T. B. BESSELLE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ACCIDENT TRANSIT COMPANY, 323 Broadway, New-York, April 18, 1857.—Notice is hereby given that an election for a President and Directors of this Company for the year from the first Monday in June next, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 5 Bowling-green, from 12 o'clock, noon, until 2 o'clock P. M., on MONDAY, 4th day of May next. The transfer books of the Company will be closed on the 30th inst., and opened again on the 6th day of May ensuing.

ISAAC C. LEA, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN GUANO COMPANY, New-York, April 20, 1857.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A special meeting of the stockholders of this Company will be held at No. 52 Broadway, on TUESDAY the 12th day of May next, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of organizing under the general law recently passed by the Legislature of this State, "To Incorporate Manufacturing Companies," which law will be submitted for adoption at the annual meeting of the Company on the 14th day of May next. By order of the Trustees.

A. G. BENSON, President.

CAUTION.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that four promissory notes for $213 50 each, made by HENRY D. CLARK, and payable to THOMAS REILLY or order, at three, six, nine, and twelve months respectively from the 14th of March last, were without consideration, and the same will not be paid. All persons are therefore cautioned against negotiating the same.

HENRY D. CLARK.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, NO. 1 HANOVER-STREET, New-York, April 23, 1857.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this Company will be held at Brewster's Hall, in the city of New-Haven, on the 14th day of May next, for the election of Directors and any other business that may come before them. By order.

J. R. BULKLEY, President.

NEW-YORK AND WASHINGTON PRINTING TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the office of the Company, No. 335 Broadway, New-York, (room No. 2,) on MONDAY, the 4th day of May next, at 1 o'clock. By order of the Board of Directors

New-York, April 21, 1857. R. W. RUSSELL, Sec'y.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS.—The undersigned offer for sale the 7 per cent. Coupon Bonds of this Company, (late issue,) having twenty years to run; interest payable semi-annually, on the first days of February and August, at the Company's Agency in this City.

DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.

SEVEN PER CENT. CITY REVENUE BONDS.—Will be taken by the Comptroller in sums not less than $500, payable from 6 months to one year, as may be desired.

The money may be deposited with IA. V. STOUT, Chamberlain in Shoe and Leather Bank. Interest from date of deposit.

CENTRAL RAILROAD CO. OF NEW-JERSEY, New-York, April 14, 1857.

THE INTEREST COUPONS OF THE SECOND Mortgage Bonds, due on the 1st day of May next, will be paid at the office of the Company, No. 30 Wall-st., on and after that date. G. M. MILLIGAN, Treasurer.

THE INTEREST COUPONS DUE MAY 1, 1857, on the school bonds (Nos. 1 to 77) of the City of San Francisco will be paid on presentation at our office on and after that date. WELLS, FARGO & CO., No. 63 Broadway.

SEVEN PER CENT. CITY REVENUE bonds will be issued by the Comptroller in sums not less than $500, payable in from 5 to 12 months, as may be desired. The money may be deposited with the City Chamberlain, A. V. STOUT, at Shoe and Leather Bank.

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DIVIDENDS.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Bonds of this Company having reached the amount of more than one million of dollars, and the requisite legislative authority having been received, the Directors have declared a dividend of ten per cent, on the capital stock of the Company, payable in Stock on the 7th day of April, inst., at the Transfer office, No. 63 Wall-st., agreeably to the following resolution of the Board, adopted on the establishment of the Sinking Fund:

Resolved, That as often as the Bonds purchased by the Sinking Fund amount to ten per cent. on the capital stock, the Company will, upon receiving due authority from the Legislature of the State, declare at the next semi-annual dividend day a stock dividend of ten per cent.

Where the dividend amounts to one or more full shares, the same will be placed to the credit of the stockholder, and a certificate for the same issued on application at the office; and where the dividend does not amount to a full share the stockholder will receive a scrip certificate in favor of the bearer, which can be converted into full stock on presentation with other similar certificates, in amounts which can be made into full shares.

The transfer books will be closed at 3 o'clock on the 20th inst., and be opened on the 8th inst.

The Board of Directors have resolved that in future the stock dividends will be declared as often as the Sinking Fund amounts to five per cent. on the capital stock, instead of ten per cent., as provided in the original resolution.

By order of the Board of Directors.

NATHANIEL MARSH, Secretary.

New-York, April 8, 1857.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 18 William-st.—New-York, April 10, 1857.—A dividend of 4 per cent, out of the earnings of the road for the last six months, ending April 1, has this day been declared payable on the 20th inst. Transfer books will close on the 20th and open on the 30th instant. By order of the Board.

R. R. LITCHFIELD, Treasurer.

CENTRAL RAILROAD CO. OF NEW-JERSEY, New-York, April 13, 1857.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent., payable to the stockholders in stock on and after the first day of May next. The transfer books will be closed from 24th inst. till the 4th day of May next.

G. M. MILLIGAN, Treasurer.

MECHANICS AND TRADERS' BANK, New-York, April 24, 1857.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A final dividend of seven per cent. upon the old stock has been declared, payable on and after May 1 next, at the office of this Bank, No. 336 Grand-st. By order of the Trustees.

E. D. BROWN, Cashier.

BANK NOTICES.

OCEAN BANK.—ELECTION.—AT THE ANnual election for Directors, held at the banking house on TUESDAY, April 14, the following gentlemen were elected:

D. R. Martin, Sam. S. Bowman, Silas K. Everett, Valentine Kirby, G. W. Burnham, Parker Handy, Robert Haydock, John Boyce, Geo. B. Warren, Benj. A. Mumford, Lucien D. Coman, T. B. Coddington, N. S. Hammond.

And the following-named gentlemen were elected Inspectors of the next election: HARVEY WEBB, JOHN GASTON, WILLIAM P. STILLWELL. At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, D. RANDOLPH MARTIN, Esq., was unanimously reelected President for the ensuing year. By order of the Board.

PARKER HANDY, Cashier.

THE PARK BANK.—ELECTION.—THE Annual Election for twenty-three Directors and three Inspectors of Election of this Bank, will be held at the Banking House No. 8 Beekman-st., on Monday, May 4, between 12 and 2 o'clock P. M. By order of the Board.

CHARLES A. MACY, Cashier.

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Edwd. Merrill,	Geo. W. Wills,	John D. Warren,
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Geo. R. Grinnell,	John Allen,	Matthew Allnutt,
S. M. Whitlock,	J. Lindley Murray,	Wm. A. Butler,
Geo. H. Bogue,	R. W. Corlies,	S. T. Valentine,
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John Watson,	Wm. T. Strong,	R. T. Nicoll,
Samuel Willis,	Noah S. Hunt,	Thomas Small,
Geo. Griswold, Jr.,	Geo. A. Townsend,	Don A. Cushman,
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SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

[illegible] Hon. Judge Davies.

[illegible] on the motion on behalf of [illegible] Wood, for an injunction against the new Police Commissioners, was resumed yesterday (Friday) evening at 4 o'clock. The Court-room was crowded with spectators. The Bench was occupied by Judge Davies, occupied a seat beside the Judge on the bench.

Judge Edmonds submitted to the opposing counsel the following points, as presenting substantially the argument in favor of the injunction:

1. It is competent for this Court to interfere by injunction, and its power is founded upon this simple elementary principle, that the power of the Court to apply the remedy is co-extensive with its jurisdiction over the subject matter. (2 Wait's Com., Sec. 56, Kerr on Inj., Preface, 4 I. C. R. 466—3 Story, Eq. I., 5 [illegible] and cases.

II. Where a statute is in violation of the Constitution, it is in the power, and it is the duty of the Court to prevent its being used, and redress an act already done, as it is a constitutional one, as the nature of the case may require. (Kent's Com., 446, 453, Taylor vs. Porter, 4 Hill, 146, Newell vs. The People, 3 Selden, 97, 98, 109, 110; 1 Story on the Const., Ch. 4, Cooley on Const. Limitation, 300, Wynehamer vs. People, [illegible]

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But, looking beyond the form of this case, it would be seen that this suit was in substance an action to try the title to an office. And when did the Courts ever get power to do that? It was perfectly well settled that they could only try the title to an office by an action in the nature of a *quo warranto*. This was implied in the 429d section of the code. The whole question here was this, whether this Mayor should command the those and men who guard the City as one of seven or as one of three? Now, supposing that he (the Judge) could in any case declare an act unconstitutional or prohibit its exercise on the ground alleged, to try the title to an office, was the plaintiff in this case in a situation to demand the exercise of that power? He (counsel) would say he was not. First, in reference to the plaintiff being a tax-payer, he (counsel) thought he could show that the Courts had not gone the length of this suit anywhere. The state of the law was this, and this only, that in this Court (the Supreme Court) the right of a *tax payer as a beneficiary or cestui-que trust* against *the Corporation, to sue for an alleged breach of trust* was affirmed, and not beyond. The question had been fully discussed in the Christopher case, and in that *pons asinorum* which he (counsel) and his learned friend (Mr. O'Conor) had argued—the Dobaum case, reported in 16th Barbour, 392. There the right to sue was limited to the case of a tax payer, an owner of real estate, against a Corporation, on the ground that the Corporation was using the fund of which he, in common with all the other tax-payers, was owner for an improper purpose. But this was no such case. There was no pretense in this suit that this law would not diminish taxes—none whatever. Mr. Wood had averred nothing except that he was a tax-payer, but there was no allegation of injury foreseen, expected, or dreaded. In the Brick Church case, and in the Balance Dry Dock case, Judge Roosevelt said the Christopher case had been carried much beyond what the Court intended or would warrant, and the doctrine of the Supreme Court was now that a suit could not be sustained by a tax-payer against a corporation in any such case. In the Superior Court the whole doctrine, as at first held by the Supreme Court, has been repudiated. (3d Duer, 668.)

The case went to the Court of Appeals, and the whole thing was reversed. They held that the Superior Court had been guilty of a usurpation of power. Chief Justice Denio said the Superior Court had no right to bring in the Attorney-General. A man cannot bring a private suit for a nuisance which is public, although it may be injurious to him in his private capacity. This disposed of the question whether Mr. Wood, as a tax-payer, could bring this suit. But it was said that he could bring it as Mayor. As Mayor, he was only one of the three Police Commissioners. He could not sue without bringing in his associates, or, in the event of their refusing, setting up the refusal in his complaint and making them defendants.

Now, as to the consequences of this action. An injunction would not restore the old Commissioners. They were gone irrecoverably. The new Commission *might be stopped possibly, and there would be no* commission at all. At this moment we were in a state of complete legal anarchy. There was no human being who had authority to command a policeman, except that authority which he (the Judge) as a conservator of the Peace could command. The new charter revoked all the former charters, as equitable, and the moment this police bill was declared to go into action, the moment the authority passed into the hands of the new Commission, as New York when the flag was hauled in 1783 to signalize the departure of the British, passed from under the authority of Great Britain into that of the Independent colonies.

Mr. Cutting followed, on the same side, and submitted several additional authorities.

Mr. O'Conor closed for the plaintiff. He argued at length, and with great perspicuity, that the law was clearly unconstitutional; that it was opposed, not only to the letter of the Constitution, but to its spirit; and that, as its unconstitutionality was certain, and not a matter of doubt, it was therefore a case in which the Court was competent to act. In reference to the alleged annulling, by the recently adopted Charter, of all former acts he showed that it had not annulled, so nominal, the Police law of 1853, under which the Mayor, Recorder and City Judge were constituted Commissioners, with the power of appointment, and the general annulling clause of all previous enactments was inoperative, because the act itself was void. He reviewed the authorities adduced on behalf of the defendants, and showed that the question as to the right of a tax-payer to sue a Corporation, as adjudicated upon by the Superior Court, was still pending in the Court of Appeals.

At the close of the argument, the Judge intimated that he would so modify the order as to except Kings, Richmond and Westchester Counties, from the operation of the injunction, provided the acts of the Commissioners out of the City and County of New-York did not affect the property or police department of this City.

An adjournment (it being twenty minutes to ten o'clock) took place till this morning at ten o'clock, A. M.

Board of Councilmen.

The Board of Councilmen met on Friday, the President, J. N. Phillips, Esq., in the Chair.

The special order of the evening was brought up, being an ordinance to reorganize the Street Department. The document was read by the proper officer, the recitation occupying more than an hour. Its adoption being moved,

Councilman McCamelly asked for time to examine the ordinance. His observations were not of an extremely well-connected character; the laughter occasioned by his attempts at the utterance of Latin, and the loud shouting some of his peculiar pronunciation, rendered it impossible to ascertain the drift of his remarks.

Councilman Brady was opposed to the 69th section of the ordinance, which related to fire engines, hose-carts, and apparatus for the Fire Department. It is as follows:

Sec. 69. He shall continually inspect the fire engines, hose carts, hook and ladders, hose and other machines and apparatus for the use of the Fire Department, and with the consent of the Street Commissioner, shall repair the same forthwith, when any repairs shall be necessary, except that when the expense of such repairs shall not in any one case exceed fifteen dollars, he may cause them to be made without the consent of that officer, but no repairs without contract shall be made to a fire engine or other machine for the use of the Fire Department, the expense of which shall exceed two hundred and fifty dollars.

These had not been sufficient time given for the examination of the ordinance, but, if proceeded with, he would rather propose its adoption or rejection by sections.

Councilman Campbell moved to strike out figures 3 and 4, so as to amalgamate the Bureau of *Repairs* with the Bureau of Supplies.

As an amendment, it was moved to make the whole matter the special order for Monday.

Councilman Warner objected.

Councilman Campbell hoped the amendment would be carried, inasmuch as, in his opinion, evidently nobody understands the paper upon which they were desired to legislate.

Councilman Boots explained.

The amendment was put and lost.

Councilman Brady moved to strike out $250 on the foregoing section, and insert $75.

The amendment was carried.

It was moved that the report be accepted and the ordinance (as amended) be adopted.

On vote the motion was carried: affirmative, 43; negative, 8.

The house then read several bills a third time, granting the petition of Engine Company No. 12 for a new location, of Hose Company No. 9; of hose Company No. 61, and *thirty-four* other bills, relating to fencing lots, flagging streets, constructing piers, remitting taxes, removing incumbrances, making sewers, placing lightning rods in bell towers, filling sunken lots, donating $500 to the Mechanics' Institute; in favor of fixing salaries of the Mayor's Clerk, removing remains from Potter's Field, and various other miscellaneous matters. Among which $5,000 appropriated for the necessary arrangements of the 4th of July. The Board also read a third time a bill to increase the salaries of the officials of the Street Department; and another to [illegible] Street Commissioner and his [illegible] which we have given a few [illegible]

The [illegible] ordered to further [illegible] overshadow [illegible] which [illegible] committee of the Whole on the question of raising the salary of the Mayor to $8,000 per annum.

Councilman Brady asked for explanation. Has the Mayor changed his mind? (A Member—He has.) The thing ought not to be a bauble. Why force it on him?

Councilman Haswell said that the question had no special reference to Fernando Wood.

Councilman Phillips (President) said they were legislating for the office, not for the man.

Councilman Brady was not opposed to increasing the Mayor's salary.

Councilman Warner asked, Then why do you oppose?

Councilman Brady, in continuation, But when the Mayor says emphatically he does not want it, I don't see why the Board should force it on him.

Councilman Hobbs liked consistency. They had increased several salaries, and tried to increase their own, and yet opposed the extension of this increase to the Mayor, who was very deserving.

Councilman Jones was opposed, upon principle, to raising the Mayor's salary. He could not do it, because the Mayor did not want it. It would be throwing $2,000 away. The salaries had been raised unanimously of Comptroller, President officials and the Commissioner of Streets, and now the question is, whether the public will justify the Council in forcing it on the Mayor? Ultimately the motion was carried, that when the Committee rise they recommend the contemplated movement.

The question of raising the salary of the City Inspector to $5,000 was then proposed and carried, without debate. The House resumed, and the Board adjourned to Monday.

Fire in West-street.

About 7½ o'clock yesterday evening a fire broke out in the four and feed store of J. & L. Norrand No. 164 West-street. About $1,000 damage was done; the loss is covered by insurance. The is supposed to have originated in the front office.

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The Hatting Interest.—One of the best evidences of prosperity is the increase of facilities it constantly demands for the transaction of its accumulating business. Little by little, as its outstretching spirit of enterprise is awakened by a contemplation of the possibilities of the future in comparison with the accomplishments of the past, it seeks for new channels to contain its overflow of good fortune, or such enlargements of the old as may adequately meet the necessities of the flood. This thought naturally strikes the most unreflecting while gazing upon the improvements just introduced by Knox, the celebrated hatter, into his well-known establishment at the northeastern corner of Broadway and Fulton-street. For most men of business his store would have been considered quite large enough for every useful purpose. But his popularity has kept even pace with his endeavors to please the public, and the result is, he has been compelled to render his grand saloon as much more capacious, in order to accommodate the increase of trade of which he finds him[illegible] the recipient. It is now one of the most spacious as well as handsomest places of the kind in our City. It is an ornament to that section of the City, and shows at once not only how a man of energy may make his way up in the world, but how naturally an appreciative public will interest itself in his elevation.

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Have You Amused Yourself with those Stereoscopic Pictures?—All Broadway has been in a state of agitation since Thursday last, owing to the rare and beautiful display of "lenticular pictures from life" just opened by Mr. Cussans, the agent of the London Stereoscopic Company. His office, at present, is at Hall's Music Store, corner of Broadway and Park-place, where he delights every day the crowd of ladies and gentlemen with his wonderful assortment of views, social, civil, religious, and picturesque, which, seen through his surpassingly perfect stereoscopic cases, look as real as though painted on the retina of the eye. Nothing could be more finished, or more like nature. Mr. Cussans sells these pictures for families at trifling prices, and his stereoscopic cases are made to close up, so as to go in the pocket. A prettier present for a lady could not be imagined. A more agreeable gift from a friend with a family of children never was devised. In fact, the "Lenticular Pictures" are all the rage now.

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COD-LIVER OIL AND IODINE.

The amount of Iodine in Cod-liver Oil is not great, and yet Cod-liver Oil, it is said, has cured many a person of consumption. The fatty substance itself may have some effect in reproducing health by its nutritive properties, but so might good wine and roast beef, under the same circumstances. The only curative property contained in the Cod liver Oil is the Iodine, and that as a remedy for consumption, scrofula, palsy, and rheumatism, in fact for all diseases of the lungs, liver, heart and blood, is beyond all parallel. It cures quickly, quickly and effectually. But instead of swallowing a dozen bottles of Cod-liver Oil, to get the Iodine, you may obtain the same amount in one bottle of Aubrey Liquid Iodine or Pure Iodine Water, the greatest medicine in the world—sold at $1 a bottle by Aubrey & Fournier, No. 3 3d av., and No. 292 Broadway; C. H. Ruth, No. 192 Broadway; Barnes & Park, No. 304 Broadway; Mrs. Hayes, Brooklyn, and all Druggists.

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Gas for the Country.—Gas apparatus, after the Patent of the Maryland Portable Gas Company. G. R. Woodworth & Co. are now offering for sale a most complete, cheap, simple and efficient gas machine, adapted in all respects to the wants of private dwellings, public and private schools, churches, colleges, factories, foundries, hotels, watering places, &c., as well as of towns and villages. Details will be furnished, by applying in person or by letter to the office of the Company, where a machine can be seen in operation, and descriptive pamphlets obtained.

G. R. Woodworth & Co.,
No. 74 Wall-street, New-York.

Responsible agents wanted for the Eastern States.

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Spring Clothing.

Spring Raglans	$5 to $14
Cassimere business coats	$3½ to $10
Elegant blue dress coats	$8 to $15
Black cloth frock coats	$5½ to $10
Super cloth frock coats	$10 to $14
Custom made frock coats	$14 to $20
Cassimere business pants	$1½ to $3
Cassimere dress pants	$4 to $6
Rich moire antique silk vests	$2½ to $5
Cassimere business vests	$1½ to $3

At

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Extensive Clothing warehouse,
No. 66 and 68 Fulton-st., between Gold and Cliff sts

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Brandreth's Pills Cure and Prevent Fever and Ague.—"I was in a fever and ague country all last Summer and Fall; numbers around me were down with it; I was troubled with a headache occasionally, but took four Brandreth's Pills; continued them for two or three days, when worse than usual, and they always cured me. My freedom from fever and ague I attribute to their use—in fact it was conceded that those who took Brandreth's Pills were safe from it." Sold at No. 43 Brandreth Building, Twenty-five cents a box.

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Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

An Old Nurse for Children.—Don't fail to procure Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It has no opiate in it. Reduces inflammation, will give immediate relief from all pain and spasmodic action, and is sure, yes, absolutely sure, to regulate the stomach and bowels. It is an old and well-tried remedy, perfectly safe in all cases. Millions of bottles are sold yearly. The genuine article has Curtis & Perkins, New-York, on the outside wrapper. Price 25 cents. Sold by druggists throughout the world.

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Office No. 376 Broadway, New-York, where descriptive circulars may be obtained. S. Coates.

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Holloway's Pills and Ointment.—Maternity has many cares, and the child's health must depend upon the mother's; there should therefore be double care employed. If the mother is dyspeptic, the child will pine; if the mother has sore breasts, that happy office becomes an agony. Be advised thus, and use these remedies, which will give health to both.

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Photographic Views of New-York, comprising all the prominent public buildings and picturesque scenes in and about the City—Washington's Statue, Union-square, Everett House, Monument House, St. Nicholas Hotel, City Hall, Niagara Falls—are now exhibiting and selling at Holmes' Gallery, No. 289 Broadway.

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Hallotypes,
Photographs,
Daguerreotypes,
Ambrotypes,
No. [illegible] Broadway, opposite Metropolitan Hotel.

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Lovers of Aquatic Sports and all that is beautiful and fairy-like in the Boat line are invited to visit the last day of Inskeep & Roe's Fancy Boat Exhibition. Every variety of Boat, in all its elegance and fashion. Admission free. No. 250 Bowery.

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Chinese Lady's Cork Sole Glass Slippers, [illegible] Broadway, [illegible] Chinese Lady's Cork Sole Glass Slippers, [illegible] Broadway, [illegible]

[illegible] with cases of cold, cough, bronchitis, &c., a more effectual and convenient remedy has never been brought to light than Brown's Bronchial Troches. Many physicians and vocalists of our country have given testimonials in favor of these troches, and recommend them to all others for relief. [illegible] sale by all druggists.

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The best goods at lowest prices.
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Herring's Patent Champion Fire-Proof Safes.—Nos. 135, 137 and 139 Water-street, and No. 1 Murray-street, New-York.

LONG ISLAND.

Brooklyn Water-Works.

The Commissioners of the Brooklyn Water-Works on Thursday last, accompanied by a few invited guests, visited the whole line of the work in progress. Returning they expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with what they saw and heard. During the present season the mains will be laid through the principal streets in this city, and it is believed that water will be introduced into the city by July, 1858.

The teachers of the public school on Myrtle-avenue called last Thursday evening upon Mr. Seth Green Haynes, who for some twenty-five years or more has fulfilled the thankless and difficult duties of School Trustee, and surprised him with the present of an elegant silver pitcher—a token of their esteem and grateful appreciation of his kindness to them. The gift is from the teachers—not the scholars. The presentation was a very interesting occasion. No one was found adequate to the task of saying how sincere was the teachers' regret that Mr. Haynes is no longer in the Board of Trustees.

Another Body Found.

The body of an unknown female was found in Gowanus creek yesterday. The finding of dead bodies in this city is a daily occurrence, and not one in ten of them is identified.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Second Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, April 24.

$2,000 Virginia 6s	91¼	350 Harlem R. R.	11¼
4,000 Missouri 6s	89¾	200 Hud. River R. R.	34¼
4,000 Cal. bds '71	81	100 Reading R. R.	80¾
9,000 Erie R. Cn. bs. '71	77	500 do	80⅝
1,000 do	76	100 do	80⅞
3,000 Harlem R. 1st m.	81¾	100 do	b15 81
5,000 do	82	250 do	b3 81
500 Hd. Riv. R. 1st m.	97½	400 do	81
2,000 T. H. & A. 2d M.	87	100 do	s10 81
1,000 Ill. C. R. R.	89¾	100 do	81¼
1,000 L. R. & W. 1st M.	80	500 do	81⅛
Bs.		300 do	s60 81
1,000 Cle. & P. Div. Bs.	60	500 do	b60 81⅜
50 Park Bank	108	76 Gal. & Chi. R. R.	108
10 Corn. Ex. Bank	107	343 Chi. & R. I. R. R.	96
28 Atlantic Bank	84¼	100 do	b60 96⅜
20 Penn. Coal Com.	39¾	40 Cleve. & Tol. R. R.	61¼
25 Pacific M. S. Co.	74	250 do	62⅜
50 M. & Mis. R. R.	b60 72	100 do	b30 64
50 do	71	700 do	b40 64⅛
5 do	70	1160 do	b3 64
305 N. Y. Central R. R.	86¼	640 Mic. S. & N. I. R. R.	b3 60
125 do	b1 86¼	215 do	60⅛
100 do	s60 86	100 do	s15 60
50 do	s30 86¼	1050 do	60
400 Erie Railroad	opg 43	100 do	b7 60
1215 do	opg 43¼	100 do	b10 60
200 do	43⅛	150 do	s30 60⅞
300 do	s5 42¾	46 do	60¾
600 do	opg 43	340 do	60⅞
200 do	43⅛	50 Panama R. R.	s3 91½
100 do	b3 aft. opg 43	50 do	s10 92
100 do	s5 43	200 do	92
200 do	opg 43¼	25 do	s5 92¼
300 do	s3 aft. opg 43⅞	50 do	b60 92¾
200 do	43	1100 Ill. Cen. R. R.	121¼
165 La Crosse & M. R. R.	77	50 do	121
5 C. R. & Quincey R. R.	100	125 do	b60 121¼
200 Mich. C. R. R.	b60 95	00 Cl. & Pitts. R. R.	49¾
10 do	95	10 do	49⅞
25 do	s10 95	25 Cum. Coal Co.	18

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000 Tenn. St. 6s, '90	86	200 Erie R. R.	42¾
10,000 Harlem R. 1st m.	82	100 do	b60 42
26 Ohio Life & T. Co.	97	200 do	b30 41¾
100 Canton Company	s3 21¼	100 do	b60 42⅜
100 do	21½	100 do	42⅞
50 Pacific Mail. St. Co.	74	300 do	42¾
50 do	b30 74¼	300 do	s30 43
400 Reading R. R.	81¾	20 do	43⅜
500 do	b60 82	100 do	43⅞
200 Cleve. & Pitts. R.	49¾	250 do	b30 43⅞
150 Illinois Cent. R.	121	200 M. S. & N. Ia. R. R.	61
400 Clev. & Tol. R.	64¾	50 do	61¼
200 do	s10 64¾	150 do	b30 61¾
100 do	64¾	50 La Cr. & Mil. R.	s30 77
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15 C., Col. & Cin. R. R.	102½		

Friday, April 24—P. M.

The Foreign news by the steamer *America* at Halifax, a brief synopsis of which was telegraphed to the afternoon papers, is financially less unfavorable than the accounts by the previous arrival. The English funds had improved, and no further change had been made in the rate of discount at the Bank. The Liverpool Cotton Market had slightly receded, and the sales were again confined to the trade. Breadstuffs weak.

The market for Money in Wall-street to-day was generally dull, and the supply easy. The Brokers are not using a large amount on temporary loan, for notwithstanding the continued depression of Stocks at the Brokers' Board, the anxiety to sell is mainly from parties who have no certificates of their own, but hope to buy from their neighbors at a great sacrifice, when the day of delivery rolls round, and all the transfer books re-open. The Discount Brokers quote prime paper at 6@7 cent. 60 days to 4 months, and longer dates 8½@9 cent. Second choice paper 10@12 cent. The Sub-Treasury balance is reduced to $14,590,226. Its receipts to-day were $115,879, and the disbursements, (of which $150,000 went to the Philadelphia office,) $810,219.

The Stock Market is still feverish, and some of the prices fluctuated through the day as follows:

New-York and Erie	[illegible]				
Michigan Southern	[illegible]				
Cleveland and Toledo	[illegible]				
New-York Central	[illegible]				
Reading	[illegible]				

The Toledo transfers reopen to-morrow, and the Stock strengthened upon the near approach of the large settlements which have then to be made. The Erie books reopen on Monday. The Stock is assaulted with much fierceness, and about 6,000 shares were sold, (without transfer, of course,) on the calculation that the payment of the scrip dividend on Monday will afford the means of supplying the Stock at lower figures. The Stock of the Michigan Southern is still much unsettled, although the announcement of the new board of management, elected in Michigan on Wednesday last, and which includes several well-known and acceptable New York names, was well received, and as this is to be succeeded in a few days by a full financial statement of the affairs of the Company made up to the present date, a turn in the character of the dealings in the Stock may reasonably be waited for. The Board of Directors is thus constituted: John Wilkinson, Syracuse; Edwin C. Litchfield, New-York; John S. Barry, Michigan; Chas. Butler, New-York; Ezekiel Morrison, Indiana; Elisha C. Litchfield, New-York; W. B. Welles, do.; John A. C. Gray, do.; J. H. Ransom, do.; W. M. Vermilye, do.; H. Keep, do.; and H. J. Redfield, do.—the last five being new members.

The merchants on 'Change this afternoon, had the pleasure of meeting Lord Napier, the British Minister at Washington, who was introduced by Mr. Alexander Duncan, of Duncan, Sherman & Co.

An ingenious use of the telegraph to perpetrate a large fraud, was resorted to this morning at the office of the New-York and Philadelphia line in Broadway. A bogus draft for about $6,000 on New-York, was lodged for collection with Messrs. E. W. Clark & Co., Philadelphia, yesterday, and by them sent to Messrs. E. W. Clark, Dodge & Co., of this City, with directions to report by telegraph if paid. At an early hour in the forenoon, a dispatch purporting to be signed by Clark, Dodge & Co., was sent from the office of the telegraph in Broadway, to the effect, "Draft received and paid," but as the true advice of "Fraud and protested" soon followed, the presumption is that no mischief was done at Philadelphia. The draft purported to be drawn by Douglass, Lewis & Co., of New-Orleans, on Masterton, Smith Sinclair, New-York. There is such a concern here as Masterton, Smith Sinclair, Stone Dressing Company, but they know nothing of the New-Orleans drawers of the bill.

An amendment to the standing rules of the Stock Exchange was moved, to-day, to the effect that all time contracts shall be restricted within *sixty* days. The motion will be voted upon ten days hence, and we understand that the feeling among the members of the Board is generally favorable to the adoption of the amendment. Heretofore, under the free license of the rule in regard to options, the artifice of selling on six or twelve months, at the option of the seller, has frequently been resorted to for the express purpose of discrediting the values sold, in public estimation, by entering the sale upon the official printed list.

The scrip dividend on the New-York and Erie Road of 10 ⅌ cent. will be paid out next week. The public, outside of Wall-street, on the closing of the transfers, preliminary to this dividend, hold of the capital of one hundred thousand [illegible] shares, upon which they will receive [illegible] new scrip, to be added to their previous investment. The Brokers hold, for themselves and customers, 17,800 shares, upon which the new scrip will amount to 1,780 shares. To the extent of this speculative stock, the dividend scrip will probably come on the market. The other holders, most of whom have owned the old stock for three or five years, will scarcely be disposed, and cannot be forced, to sell their dividend scrip at the present low rate, produced, as it has been, by immense and reckless artificial sales, and the systematic assaults of the speculators and the New-York *Herald* upon the credit and integrity of the Company. The calculation, therefore, that the Street is soon to have 10,000 new shares to work upon, is likely to be a very mistaken one.

The Dry Goods Import for the week is $1,775,908, against $1,228,536 the week ending April 26, last year. The following is the summary:

	Consumption		Warehouse		Withdrawn	
	Pkgs.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.	Pkgs.	Value.
Manf. of Wool	1,151	$649,662	875	$241,627	326	$91,209
Manf. of Cot'n	1,161	254,224	229	52,544	209	47,209
Manf. of Silk	804	387,499	320	202,317	92	60,320
Manf. of Flax	370	79,018	628	111,120	71	16,782
Miscellaneous	371	60,949	146	31,488	279	7,415
Total	3,857	$1,433,352	2,198	$637,096	746	$223,935
		207,345				1,666,078
Total entered		$1,775,908	Total marketed			$1,776,456

The following is a comparative statement of the exports hence, of the leading articles of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods, for the week, and the week ending April 26, last year:

	1856.		1857.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Cotton, bales	3,120	$172,660	3,242	$160,060
Flour, bbls.	12,108	116,382	7,322	42,728
Corn Meal, bbls.	1,209	7,171	190	860
Wheat, bushels	6,759	12,800	39,068	61,770
Corn, bushels	87,799	60,540	44,504	32,062
Pork, bbls & tcs	1,619	29,500	267	7,784
Beef, bbls. & tcs	946	18,902	794	25,141
Bacon, * pkgs	—	—	1,560	43,273
Hams, * pkgs	—	—	141	14,514
Lard, * pkgs	—	—	3,949	109,014
Butter, * pkgs	—	—	218	1,440
Cheese, * pkgs	—	—	896	5,067
Total Produce		$466,770		$95,123,771
Miscellaneous		624,139		726,367
Total for the week		$1,090,909		$1,949,068

* These items were included in miscellaneous goods, in our export statement every week of last year. Hence, we cannot furnish comparative figures, in detail, this year. Next year we shall be enabled to do so regularly, by keeping up the record as now arranged through the current year.

Sales of Stocks at Philadelphia.—Friday.—First Board—$4,800 Union Canal 6s, 82¾; $1,000 Camden and Amboy Railroad 6s, '82, 103¾; $2,500 Pennsylvania Railroad 6s, 1st mort., 97; $1,000 North Pennsylvania Railroad 6s, 93; $1,000 Elmira Railroad 7s, 2d mort., 62¾; $550 93 Lehigh 6s, '70, 83; $1,000 Long Island Railroad 6s, 89; $5,000 Catawissa Railroad 7s, 87; $300 City 6s, 90¼; 65 Pennsylvania Railroad, 40; 300 Reading Railroad, 40¾; 50 Schuylkill Navigation Preferred, 24; 67 Camden and Amboy Railroad, 158; 3 Minehill Railroad, 62¾; 13 North Pennsylvania Railroad, 13; 1 North America Bank, 100; 5 do., 100¼; 6 Philadelphia Bank, 134¾.

Closing Prices.—United States 6s, '81, 117¾; Phila. 6s, 90¾; Phila. Railroad, 90¾; Phila. 6s, new, 96@96¼; Pennsylvania 6s, 93¼@94; Reading Railroad, 40¾@40⅞; Reading Railroad Bonds, '70, 78; Reading Railroad Mort. 6s, '44, 88¾@89¼; Pennsylvania Railroad,